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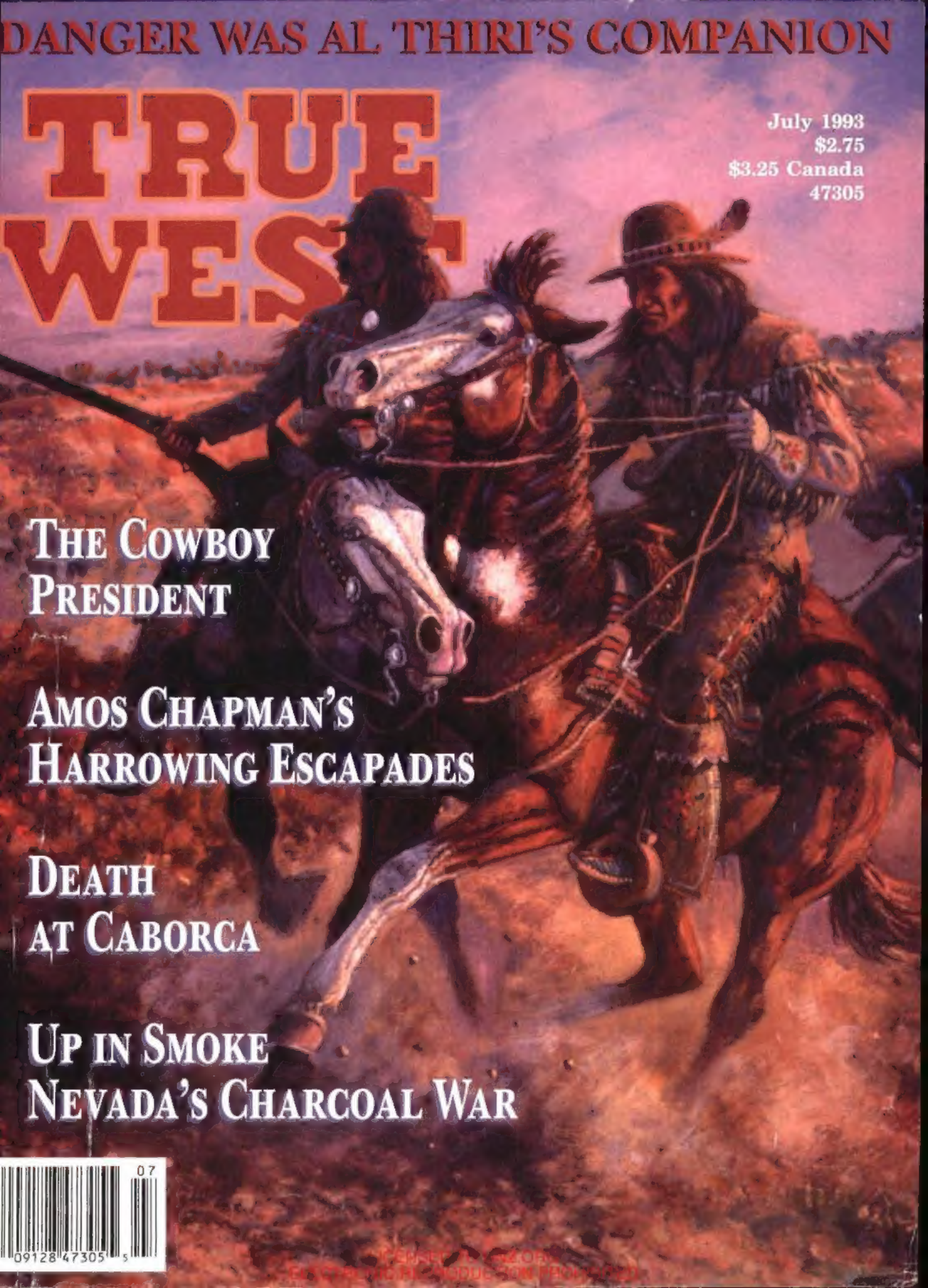

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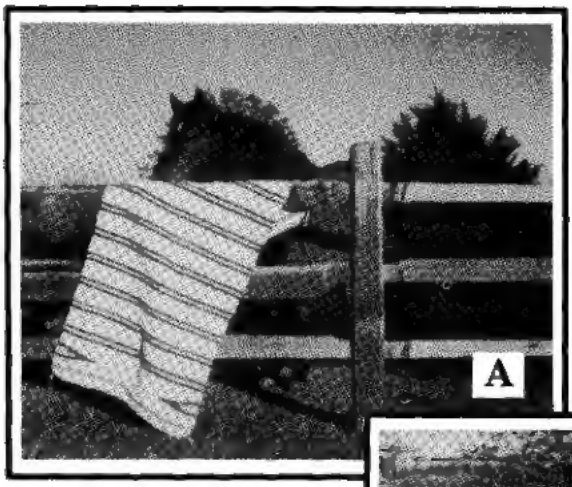

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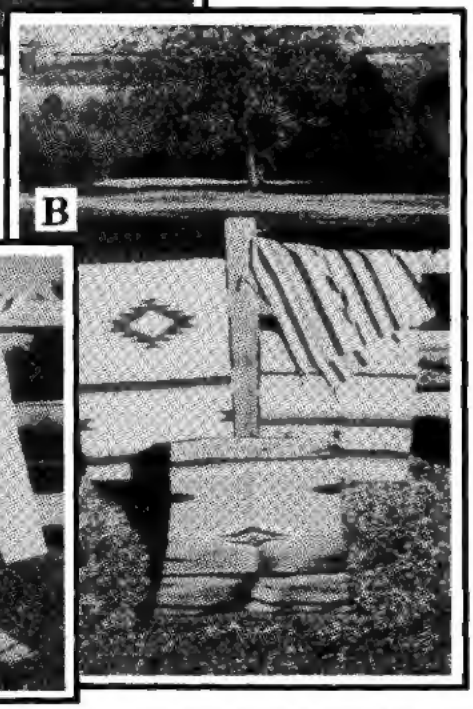

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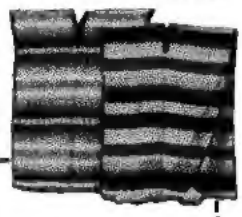

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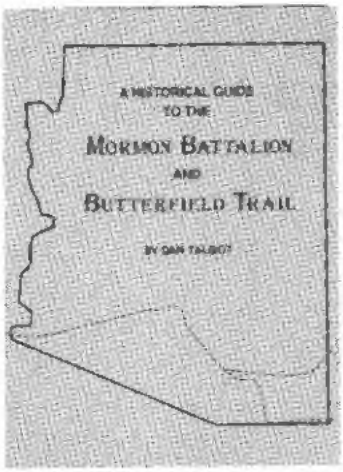

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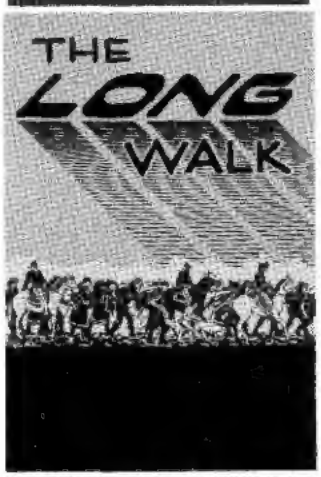

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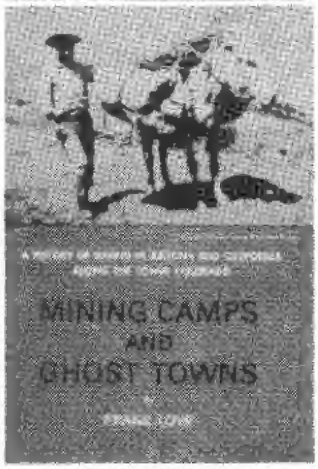

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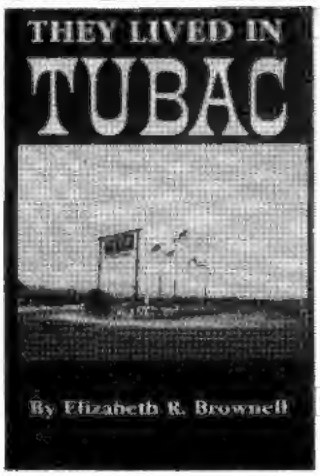

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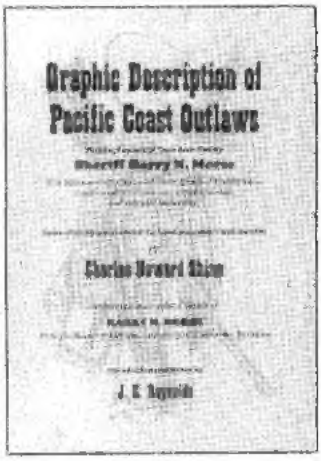

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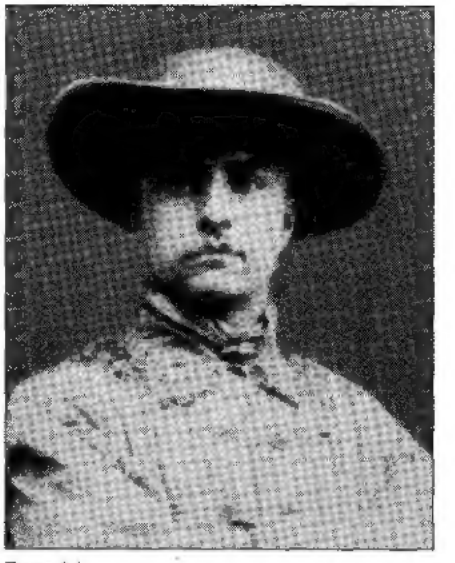

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FROM THE EDITOR

Howdy, folks!

Pore, downtrodden editors don't often get to brag on their magazines. More often, they're trying to fend off the slings and arrows of outraged readers demanding to know what lunkhead decided to publish that—(pick one): a) totally fabricated; b) politically correct; c) politically incorrect; d) dry as dust; or e) all of the above—pack of lies in the last issue.

Howsomever, this issue I have braggin' rights not just once but three times, and I aim to exercise them. Stand back so you don't get knocked down by my swelling chest.

The reason for my unseemly boasting is the success of *True West*'s writers and artists in the Western Writers of America Spur Competition for 1992. The winners and finalists were announced recently. Among them *True West* won a Spur for Best Short Nonfiction and had another finalist in that category as well as a finalist for Best Cover Art.

Preston Lewis's two-part article, "Bluster's Last Stand: The Battle of Yellowhouse Canyon" which ran in the April and May 1992 issues of *True West*, garnered the Spur for Short Nonfiction. Preston's winning was especially pleasing to me for several reasons, not the least of which is that he happens to be a good buddy of mine.

More importantly from the standpoint of the enduring literature that we churn out every month, I was mightily pleased that the judges saw fit to award the Spur to an article with a sense of humor. These days, when the least little thing gets folks wrought up in political, moral, and social rage, it's always refreshing to read nonfiction that can stand back and laugh heartily at its subject. "Bluster's Last Stand" does just that. Of course, it also happens to be the best researched and most complete account yet written on the Yellow House Canyon affray.

Early one Saturday morning in June 1991, when "Bluster's Last Stand" was in its initial stages, Preston dragged me away from the comfort of a motel in Lubbock, Texas, to go over the scene of the action, Yellowhouse Canyon its ownself, which is now mostly a municipal park on the outskirts of town. The park was deserted that calm gray day, and it was hard to imagine the drunken buffalo hunters' foolhardy attack on the Comanche encampment.

After Preston regaled me for an hour or so with his wry accounts of the debacle I came away convinced that he had the makings for a ripsnorter of an article. What more could a person ask for than originality, authoritative research, skillful yarnspinning, and a healthy dash of humor?

Ranking right up there with Preston's article as one of my favorites last year was Murray Carroll's "The Peripatetic Oyster," which was a finalist for the Best Short Nonfiction Spur. You'll recall that Murray's July 1992 *True West* article dealt with the insatiable appetite for oysters (of the ocean variety) among oldtime Westerners.

Like "Bluster's Last Stand," "The Peripatetic Oyster" ventured into previously uncharted historical waters and turned up a pearl. Carefully researched and brimming with fascinating details, the article offers fresh insight into just how hard on the heels of the first explorers, prospectors, and pioneers civilization arrived in the West .

Finally, Chuck DeHaan's beautiful painting, *His Pride*, on the August 1992 *True West* cover was a finalist for the Spur for Best Western Cover Art. If you've been with Western Publications for a while, you'll recall that another of Chuck's paintings, "Winter Songsinger," won the Spur for cover art when it appeared on the December 1984 *Frontier Times*. His paintings have been showing up on our covers for a good many years, and they're always among my favorites. And though I've only met Chuck on the telephone, I can tell you he's just as nice a feller as you'll ever want to know.

To Preston and Murray and Chuck, congratulations—and thanks for lending your talents to this humble little true facts western mag!

John Joerschke

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All God's People

Just like everyone else that writes to you, I am a devoted reader and big fan of *True West* magazine. After reading the letters in "Truly Western" (*True West*, April 1993), it appears that you have stirred up a hornets' nest. Well, you can't please everyone.

On behalf of both sides of the story, I would like to thank you for printing the letters from both sides of the controversy regarding the United States' treatment of the Indians. I found them very interesting.

I think we can all sympathize with the Indians. Their way of life, land, and property were taken. But so long as they were leading their primitive life, it was only a matter of time before someone more technologically advanced came along. The Indians themselves had waged war on one another for hundreds of years before the white man's arrival. There were always tribes trying to dominate others. We are all God's people and have all been victims at one time or another.—**Larry Bell, Centerville, Texas.**

Mistaken Identity

I would appreciate a note in your letters to the editor about the photos credited to the Garland County Library with my article, "Charles Matthews, Editor With a Gun" (*True West*, January 1993). They should have been credited to the Garland County Historical Society.—**Dale T. Schoenberger, St. Louis, Missouri.**

A History of Slavery

I wish to comment on "Camp With Texas History," by David F. Crosby in "Western Roundup" (*True West*, May 1993). Mr. Crosby states, "The colonizing Spanish were fiercely Catholic and unabashedly racist—they sought to turn indigenous people into slaves for the church and Spain. The priests' rationale was simple; it was better to enslave an Indian and save a soul than allow a free heathen to roam the earth." I take exception to this statement, which takes a dig at the Roman Catholic Church a la Black Legend. Also, the only slavery that Texas ever experienced was not brought here by Catholics, Spaniards, or Mexicans. It was brought by immigrants to Texas from the South.

Mr. Crosby also states that Mexicans and Spaniards traded bayonet thrusts during the Mexican revolt of 1810 to 1821. That is a very simplistic interpretation. The Mexican revolt of 1810–21 in Texas was a struggle between forces favoring alle-

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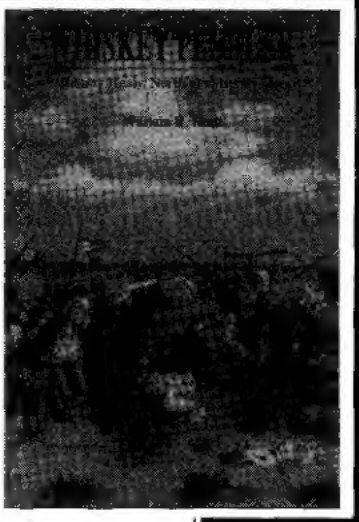

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giance to Spain or favoring Mexican independence. It was not as if all of a sudden a Spanish garrison and a Mexican garrison sprang up in Texas.

In fact, during those years the army in Spanish Texas was composed mostly of Mexican soldiers with only a few Spaniards here and there. The great majority of Texans were second and third generation Spanish Criollos, considered Mexican and mestizos. I doubt if even a handful of Spaniards were killed by bayonets or any other weapon. The struggle was Mexican against Mexican, for or against independence.—**Abelardo S. Lozano, El Paso, Texas.**

Lucky to Have TRUE WEST

I am a long-standing fan and subscriber to *True West*. I wouldn't change a thing about it. I think we're lucky to have it. Howse about some stories on famous gun makers? We all know the names—Winchester, Smith and Wesson, Colt, etc.—but how about some good history? (Sorry to hear about the fire!)—**W. Krull, Denver, Colorado.**

Editor's Note: Over the years we've covered most of the better-known gun makers, and many of the back issues those stories appeared in are still available. Howsomever, I do keep my eyes open for good new stories on weapons of the Old West and their manufacturers. And I agree with you that we're lucky to have *True West*—leastwise the March issue, after that fire destroyed the first printing!

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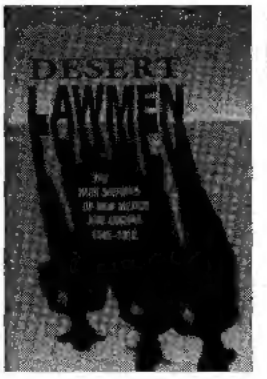

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Bannack is a ghost town now, but visitors to Bannack State Park can still get a feel for the town's heyday by touring more than twenty preserved sites. The old town is also the host of "Bannack Days," July 17–18, a large western celebration featuring historic crafts, music, drama, a working telegraph office, wagon rides, pioneer food, and church services.

Bannack grew in a gold rush that began after John White and some fellow prospectors discovered gold in Grasshopper Creek, then in Idaho Territory, on July 28, 1862. Within a year, Bannack's population was 3,000 and the community began to support such businesses as a blacksmith shop, bakery, stables, a meat market, a brewery, and a bowling alley in addition to saloons and houses of prostitution.

In 1863 gold strikes at Alder Gulch, about seventy miles east of Bannack, ended Bannack's boom and drew much of its population to the new town of Virginia City. Bannack, however, was not dead. In 1863 President Abraham Lincoln appointed Sidney Edgerton chief justice of Idaho Territory, and the next year Edgerton helped persuade Congress to divide the territory. Edgerton subsequently became the first governor of Montana Territory, and he named Bannack the capital. The first territorial legislature met there in December 1864, but the booming Virginia City became the territorial capital within a year.

Crime, largely sanctioned and instigated by none other than Bannack's sheriff Henry Plummer, plagued the town's early days. A miner's court decided the Bannack-Virginia City region should have only one sheriff, and Plummer had won election to that post in 1863. During his eight months as sheriff, Plummer's gang of road agents terrorized the area, killing perhaps as many as 102 people and robbing countless others. In late 1863 a vigilante group formed in Bannack and arrested, then hanged or banished most of the outlaws. They hanged Plummer himself, from a gallows he had built for someone else, on January 10, 1864.

The mining activity that gave birth to Bannack continued throughout the late-nineteenth century, albeit sporadically, with miners turning to hydraulic mining and hard rock mining to retrieve the most gold they could. In 1895 the nation's first electric gold dredge operated successfully on Grasshopper Creek, sparking renewed activity. Four other dredges soon enabled Bannack miners to reach deep gold deposits. Several companies attempted to work the quartz lodes around Bannack in the twentieth century but had limited success.

The deserted town of Bannack became part of the Montana state park

NOLA Plans "Hell on the Border" Meeting

"Hell on the Border" is the theme for the 1993 National Outlaw-Lawman History Association (NOLA) rendezvous and conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 28–31. Western Arkansas was the jumping off place to Indian Territory, once a haven for badmen. Federal Judge Isaac C. Parker, known as the hanging judge, presided over the region's law enforcement from Fort Smith, Arkansas, and many scheduled NOLA presentation topics deal with Parker, his deputy marshals, and Indian Territory.

According to rendezvous chairman Phillip Steele, registration is July 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Fayetteville Clarion Hotel. A board meeting for NOLA, members begins at 1:30 p.m., and the city of Fayetteville will host a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m.

Speaker programs begin Thursday, July 29, at 9:00 a.m. with remarks from Steele, Fayetteville Mayor Fred Hannah, and NOLA President Harold L. Edwards. Speakers scheduled for the day include Dee Cordry of Yukon, Oklahoma, presenting "Outlaws and Lawmen of Indian Territory"; Leo Allison of Hartford, Arkansas, presenting "Hanging Judge Parker and His Court"; and Steele with "George Maledon—Judge Parker's Hangman."

Art Burton of Phoenix, Illinois, will present "Bootleggers, Renegades, and Gunslingers," about black outlaws and lawmen in Indian Territory; Bob Ernst of Stillwater, Oklahoma, will present "Indian Lighthorse Police"; and Nancy Samuelson will present "Deputy US Marshal Chris

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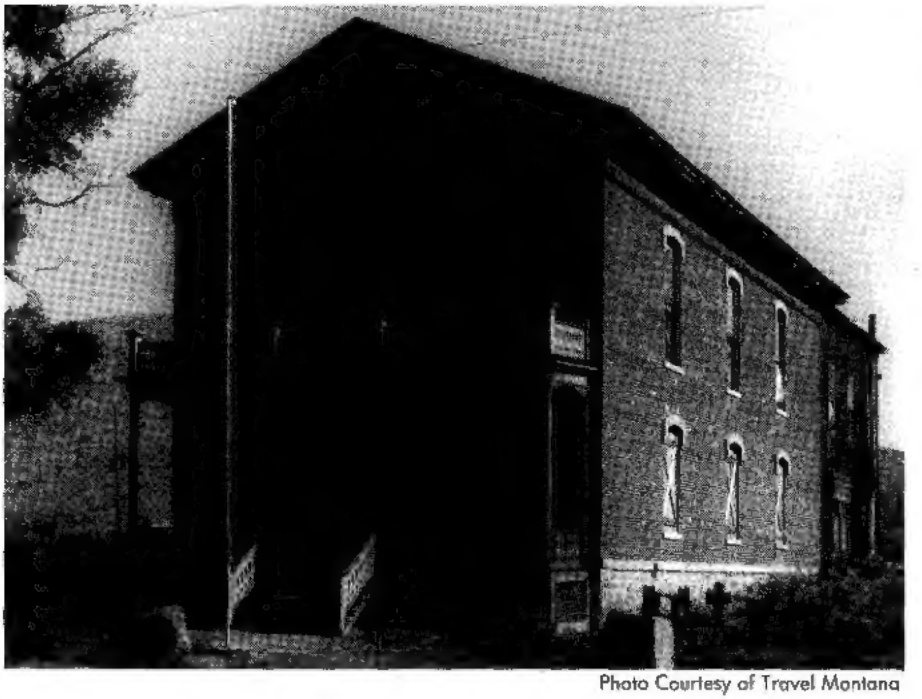

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The Meade Hotel is just one of the many preserved buildings in Bannack State Park.

system in 1954 and the many sites there are preserved, not restored, to let visitors experience the town as it was in the late-nineteenth century. Some of the buildings at the park are relatively intact; others are simply structural skeletons. A visitors' center offers interpretive displays and books and provides a good place to start a tour of Bannack.

Foremost among sites at the park is the Meade Hotel and Courthouse, one of the first county courthouses in Montana. Built in 1875, the building served as the Beaverhead County Courthouse until 1881, when the county seat was relocated. New owners later remodeled the building and turned it into the Meade Hotel.

Local Freemasons held their secret meetings in the second floor of the Masonic Temple, the first floor of which served as a school. The temple's original furniture and imported symbolic rugs are intact. The only access to the temple was by an outside stairway, and a double floor muffled the Masons' secret proceedings.

Bannack is also home to the "governor's mansion," a store which Governor Edgerton purchased for $400 to use as his home. The original "mansion" burned down, but a cabin at the back of the site was built of its remains; a cabin at the front of the site is of recent origin.

Several Bannack sites pertain to Henry Plummer. A gallows replica is located at the approximate site of Plummer's hanging; Plummer's unmarked grave is believed nearby. A building now assumed to have been George Chrisman's store was once home to Plummer's office, and Skinner's Saloon became a headquarters for Plummer's road agents. Saloon owner Cyrus Skinner himself died at the end of a vigilante rope.

The park is open year-round during the day, but park officials encourage visitors to call ahead between November and March to make certain it is not closed due to bad weather. Visitors should also contact park officials for information about admission and camping fees. The address is Bannack State Park, 4200 Bannack Road, Dillon, Montana 59725. The telephone number is (406) 834-3413.

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WOLAns to Tour Denver, Study OK Corral Shootout

"Tombstone Day" and a historic tour will be highlights of the Western Outlaw-Lawman History Association (WOLA) convention, in Denver, Colorado, July 22–24.

WOLA board member Jim Dullenty says the association has slated a full day of lectures on Tombstone, Arizona, the Gunfight at the OK Corral, and the Earp brothers for Saturday, July 24. The list of speakers is not final, but Dullenty expects it to include several noted Tombstone researchers and authors.

The day-long bus tour on Friday, July 23, will be a first for WOLA, whose past conventions have concentrated on speakers, panels, and presentations. After visiting such Denver area historic attractions as Buffalo Bill Cody's grave on Lookout Mountain, ghost towns, and a narrow-gauge railroad, the tour will end with a dinner in Central City and gambling for those who choose to try their luck.

Headquartered at the Hotel Denver, the convention opens Thursday with a day of speakers on outlaw-lawman related topics. A get-acquainted cocktail-author's autograph party follows at 7:00 p.m.

The eighty-five dollar registration fee includes the bus tour, train ride, all entrance fees, and a box lunch and dinner Friday, as well as the closing banquet Saturday night. Those who wish to register only for "Tombstone Day" may do so for forty dollars, which includes the banquet.

For further information, contact Jim Dullenty at 140 North Second Street, Hamilton, Montana 59840, telephone (406) 363-2662.

Western Heritage Museum Displays Rare Firearms

The Western Heritage Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, is displaying the traveling exhibit *Artistry in Arms: The Guns of Smith and Wesson, 1857–1941* from July 17 through September 1. The exhibit displays the craftsmanship and artistry of one of the world's foremost firearms manufacturers.

The display features some fifty rare antique weapons, never before displayed publicly. Posters, advertisements, engravers' tools, and photographs trace the development of the 138-year-old Springfield, Massachusetts, company. The guns and memorabilia selected for the exhibit exemplify not only the technological development of firearms but also the artistry that engravers lavished on them.

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NOLA (continued from page 8)

Madsen." A chuckwagon barbecue with bluegrass music and cowboy poetry at a local ranch will cap the day.

NOLAns will go on the road Friday, July 30, as they travel aboard an 1880s train to Van Buren, Arkansas. From there they will take buses to Fort Smith for lunch at Weideman's 1847 Restaurant and Pub. Visits are scheduled to Miss Laura's Social Club (an Old West bordello, now a tourist center), the historic site of Judge Parker's court, and the Old Fort Museum.

Participants will travel by bus back to Fayetteville, taking a route along the Arkansas-Oklahoma border and over the Boston Mountain range. Group meetings for the Friends of the James Farm, Friends of the Youngers, Oklahombres, Billy the Kid group, Clell's Cousins, and the Butch Cassidy group are slated that evening.

Speaker programs will continue Saturday, July 31, with Wilbur Zink of Appleton, Missouri, presenting "The Youngers" and Bonnie Speer of Norman, Oklahoma, presenting "The Killing of Ned Christie." Lynn Stanbury will continue the program with "Anti-Horse Thief Association," and Tony Perrin of Mena, Arkansas, will present "Depression Outlaws in Arkansas."

A dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. with an awards program following at 8:30 p.m. A special speaker for the evening, Franklin H. Waters, federal judge for the Western District of Arkansas, will present "Holding Judge Parker's Position."

Participants staying after the convention can join in an automobile tour Sunday, August 1. Sites will include the Prairie Grove battlefield and the home of Jesse James' sister.

The registration fee for the rendezvous is eighty dollars. For more information about the rendezvous, and for travel and accommodation information, contact Phillip Steele, PO Box 191, Springdale, Arkansas 72765, telephone (501) 756-2230.

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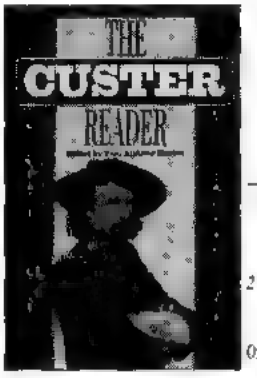

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A Grave Matter

By CHUCK PARSONS

Billy the Kid remains one of the most popular characters of the Old West. James R. Freece, Leesville, Ohio, inquires about the Kid's grave marker, asking who chose the inscription "Pals" on his stone in the Old Fort Sumner, New Mexico, cemetery.

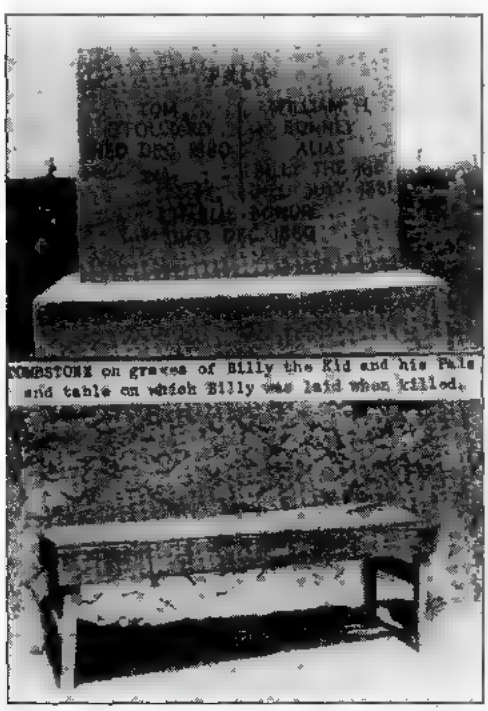
A man named Charles Foor probably determined the exact wording for the Kid's marker. Following the Kid's death at the hands of Sheriff Pat Garrett in July 1881, his grave was unmarked until well into the twentieth century. In 1932 Foor had the marker placed at the grave site. Foor should have known where the graves of the Kid and his two pals Tom O'Folliard and Charlie Bowdre (whom Garrett and a posse killed in December 1880) were, as he attended the Kid's burial in 1881. Vandals and tourists who chipped away souvenirs little-by-little damaged the stone, and a second stone was placed nearby. That entire stone was stolen in August 1950. The stolen marker was later found, twenty-six years later, in a museum in Granbury, Texas.

Cavalry Artist

Randy Steffen achieved a great deal of fame in artistic circles—as well as in military and Western history circles—with his realistic drawings and paintings of western subjects. *True West* readers will also remember him for his contributions to this magazine; in fact, the very first issue carried one of his paintings on the cover. Bill Olsen, Wichita, Kansas wants to know more about Steffen.

Steffen was born in Maverick County, Texas, to parents of some Sioux-Cheyenne heritage. He is perhaps best known for his four-volume work, *The Horse Soldier* (published by the University of Oklahoma Press) which covers the history of the United States Cavalry.

Steffen was a prolific writer and artist, writing more than 1,000 articles on military and western history. In his paintings, drawings, and sculptures, he was realistic rather than impressionistic. He received the George Washington Award from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge in 1976 for his contribution to American history. At the time of his death in 1977 he was a governor of the Company of Military Historians.



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Left: Billy the Kid's unmarked grave in 1928. Right: The tombstone marking the grave sites of Billy the Kid and his "Pals," Tom O'Folliard and Charles Bowdre. Stolen in 1950, the stone has since been returned to the gravesite.

Brand Name

The West's many famous cattle ranches are an integral part of its history. Ida M. Apudaca, Santa Monica, California, wants to know about one famous Texas ranch—the XIT. "I lived there with my parents; my father was a cowboy there and I often wonder what the XIT stands for," she writes.

Frequently one reads that XIT (the "X" being a Roman numeral) stood for "Ten in Texas," meaning that the huge ranch covered ten counties in Texas. That may be true in part, as the ranch did take in land in Dallam, Hartley, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Parmer, Castro, Bailey, Lamb, Hockley, and Cochran counties in the Texas panhandle, but there is perhaps more to the origin of the name

The Chicago firm of Taylor, Babcock & Company established the ranch in 1885. The state of Texas had given the company 3,050,000 acres of land in return for building

the state capitol in Austin. Abner Blocker drove the ranch's first cattle to the panhandle, and the XIT brand was his attempt to devise a brand impossible, or at least very difficult, to alter. Apparently he succeeded.

Early Explorer

James Clyman was a noted explorer of the early West. Tim Dye, of Stafford, Kansas, asked for information about him.

Clyman was born February 1, 1792, in Virginia. After his early years he went to Indiana and then Illinois, where he learned surveying. That knowledge probably got him a job with William Ashley's expedition up the Missouri River. In 1823, Ashley's fur trappers engaged in the battle of the Arikara Villages, giving Clyman perhaps his first experience fighting Indians.

Clyman later traveled west again with noted frontiersmen Jedediah Smith and Thomas Fitzpatrick. Clyman was able to nurse Smith to health after he had an encounter with a grizzly bear.

From 1823 to 1827 Clyman continued to explore, hunt, and trap in the mountains. Then never satisfied to remain in one place very long—Clyman returned east to St. Louis. Clyman immediately enlisted to fight in the Black Hawk War in the upper Midwest.

Later, Clyman returned to the West, going to Oregon and then California. By 1848 Clyman was in Napa, California, where he lived his remaining years as a farmer. Clyman died December 27, 1881. His reminiscences and diaries offer valuable information about the early exploration and settlement of the West.

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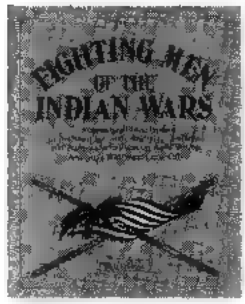

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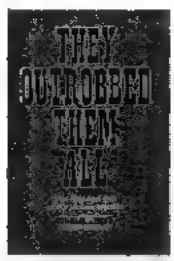

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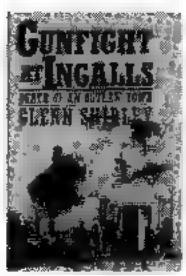

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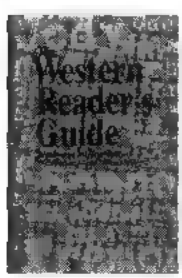

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Cowboy President

By
Charles M. Robinson III

A self-styled "dude" from upper class New York, young Theodore Roosevelt rapidly gained the amused, but genuine, respect of his Dakota neighbors and soon abandoned his early buckskins for this more practical cowboy dress.

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In the mid-1880s an asthmatic Easterner with visions of becoming a rancher amused cowboys in the Badlands. He ordered his hands about with expressions like, "Hasten forward there! Quickly now!" By his own admission, he was a "dandy" and enjoyed being one, toting an engraved Winchester rifle and a custom hunting knife with Tiffany grip and sheath. But his glasses attracted the most attention. The dude was terribly nearsighted and always wore a pair clipped to his nose, winning him the nickname "four-eyes."

Four-eyes tolerated the joke up to a point. One night, after he had been searching for some missing horses, he rode into the dingy little town of Mingsville, Dakota Territory. The hotel "had merely a barroom, a dining room, and a lean-to kitchen; above was a loft with fifteen or twenty beds in it," he recalled. Hearing some shots from the barroom, he hesitated, but having no other place to stay, he went in.

"A shabby individual in a broad hat with a cocked gun in each hand was walking up and down the floor talking with strident profanity," Four-eyes remembered. "He was not a 'bad man' of the really dangerous type, the true, man-killer type, but he was an objectionable creature, a would-be bad man, a bully who for a moment was having things all his own way."

Seeing the dude, the gunman bellowed, "Four-eyes is going to treat." Four-eyes laughed with the others, then went and sat down behind the stove to get out of the way. The gunman, however, followed and kept demanding he buy the drinks. Finally Four-eyes answered, "Well, if I've got to, I've got to," and knocked the gunman senseless. Henceforth, everyone knew not to tangle with Theodore Roosevelt.

Roosevelt was the last—and least likely—of a line of frontier presidents that began with Andrew Jackson. Indeed, he personally believed that if he had not had the tough training of the West, he probably never would have reached the White House. Scion of a Dutch family that arrived in New York when Holland still ruled it, son of a prosperous merchant, a Harvard graduate who had already served in the New York State Assembly, Roosevelt should have been more at home in an eastern boardroom or a reform political rally. Yet, as one writer observed, he finished the era of frontier presidents "in one final burst of Western energy."

Like so many other things in Roosevelt's life, his western adventures were dictated by his health. As a child, he was frail and chronically ill. In an effort to break away from the restraints his weak lungs imposed, he began hiking and hunting, took up boxing in college, and developed for himself a program of exercise, both physical and mental. As he explained to his oldest son years later, "I believe in rough, manly sports. But I do not believe in them if they degenerate into the sole end of one's existence."

The West fascinated Roosevelt, and when a letter about the Badlands appeared in a New York

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A theatrical, buckskin clad Roosevelt (left) holds a rifle over "outlaws." For many years, this was thought to be an actual photograph of T.R. with the desperados he helped capture. Several years ago, however, a grandson of Wilmot Dow, Roosevelt's ranch manager, pointed out the scene was staged, with Dow, friend Bill Sewall and an unidentified ranch hand portraying the thieves.

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newspaper in 1882, he decided to see it for himself. An attack of cholera delayed the journey, but finally, with a warning from his doctor to avoid heavy exercise, Roosevelt stepped off the train at Medora, Dakota Territory, in September 1883. There he hunted up a French-Canadian named Joe Ferris, who sometimes served as a guide.

The Easterner used exclamations such as "by Godfreys" and "jolly well," looked puny, wore glasses, did not drink, smoke, or swear, and (worst of all) brushed his teeth and shaved everyday. Still, Ferris agreed to take Roosevelt on a hunt, and after borrowing a proper hunting rifle to replace the inadequate one Roosevelt had brought, loaded him onto a buckboard and took him out to a ranch that his brother, Sylvane Ferris, and Bill Merrifield operated. After spending the night there, they pushed about fifty miles on to Gregor Lang's ranch, which would serve as headquarters for the hunt.

Ignoring his doctor's orders, Roosevelt acquitted himself well, showing even more stamina than Joe Ferris. At night, after Joe Ferris collapsed into a bunk, Roosevelt would stay up late talking with Lang, then be ready to go out again by daylight.

From the outset, the hunt seemed doomed to failure, causing Ferris to remark, "Bad luck followed us like a yellow dog follows a drunkard." Continual rain soaked them to the skin. One day they exhausted their mounts and had to spend the night in the wilderness, where wolves frightened off the horses. The rest of the night they spent hunting them down. The next morning, however, Roosevelt finally killed a bull buffalo. Tired, wet, and miserable, Ferris marveled at the Eastern dude, who danced around the dead animal.

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Roosevelt (center) poses with Wilmot Dow (left) and Bill Sewall after capturing three boat thieves in 1886. Dow and Sewall, themselves boatmen from Maine, proved capable managers for Roosevelt's Badlands ranch.

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"Hands Up!" is the title of this Frederic Remington drawing which illustrated Roosevelt's *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*. T.R (left) and a companion get the drop on Irish outlaw Mike Finnigan and his half-Indian companion, Burnsted. The two desperados, who had stolen Roosevelt's boat, were caught returning to their camp from hunting. A third member of the gang had already been surprised and taken in camp.

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Although Roosevelt returned to the East, his mind was on the ranch outside Medora. He had an inheritance from his father, and was able to live off the interest without dipping into the capital. After some negotiating, he purchased the spread from its absentee owners, retaining Sylvane and Merrifield as managers. His business-minded relatives were appalled, but he shrugged off their complaints. Things were looking good. He was reelected to the assembly, and his wife, Alice, was expecting a baby.

The baby, who would gain fame of her own as the outspoken Alice Roosevelt Longworth, was born at 10:00 a.m., February 12, 1884. Unfortunately, Roosevelt's wife developed a kidney infection and deteriorated rapidly. To compound his troubles, his mother died at 5:00 a.m. the following day. Then at 11:00 a.m., just twenty-five hours after the birth of her daughter, Alice Roosevelt died The near-simultaneous deaths of his wife and mother devastated Roosevelt. Placing little Alice with his sister, he tried to bury himself with work in the assembly and with the house he was building at Oyster Bay.

More and more, however, Roosevelt thought of his spread in Dakota, officially the Chimney Butte Ranch but popularly called the "Maltee" Cross because of its brand. Roosevelt sent a note to Sylvane Ferris, asking advice on adding another thousand head of cattle to the herd.

"Don't put in any more money until you're sure we've scattered the other dollars right," Sylvane replied. "Better come out first and look around." That was all the excuse Roosevelt needed and, in June, he was back in the Badlands. Pleased with the way the ranch had been managed, he authorized Sylvane and Merrifield to buy the thousand head. Roosevelt was now a working rancher. He believed that simply by settling among Westerners, he would become one of the boys; oddly enough, he was right. Although his own assessment was, "I can now do cowboy work pretty well," an old ranch hand remarked, "that four-eyed maverick has got sand up his craw aplenty. He's sure a man to hold up his end."

Writing to his friend, Bill Sewall, Roosevelt said, "If you are afraid of hard work and privation, don't come out west. If you expect to make a fortune in a year or two, don't come west. If you will give up under temporary discouragements, don't come out west. If, on the other hand, you are willing to work, especially the first year; if you realize that for a couple of years you cannot expect to make much more than you are now making; if you also know at

the end of that time you will be in the receipt of about a thousand dollars for the third year, with an unlimited field ahead of you and the future as bright as you yourself choose to make it, then come."

In writing the letter, Roosevelt was asking Sewell and his nephew, Wilmot Dow, to come out and take charge of a second ranch he had purchased, the Elkhorn, about thirty-five miles up the Little Missouri, with enough range for some additional cattle. Sewell and Dow came, and the ranch prospered. Ever the dandy, Roosevelt ordered a pair of spurs emblazoned with Maltese crosses and elkhorns for the two ranches, to go with his engraved rifle and Tiffany knife. On the other hand, he had abandoned the theatrical buckskins he originally wore for more practical working attire.

Roosevelt gloried in his new life. "A ranchman's life is certainly a very pleasant one, albeit generally varied with plenty of hardship and anxiety," he wrote in *Ranch Life and the Hunting Trail*. "During much of the time we are away on the different round-ups, that 'wheeled house,' the great four-horse wagon, being then our home; but when at the ranch our routine of life is always much the same, save during the excessively bitter weather of midwinter, when there is little to do except hunt.

Roosevelt hunted throughout the year, except the worst part of winter, when he went out as little as possible, explaining that the ice and slush made the trail impassable and the deer by then were "in poor condition." From April to August, however, he shot antelope, and in the fall chased white-tail and blacktail deer. "Now and then we get a chance at mountain sheep, and more rarely at larger game still."

He shared many of the problems of a western rancher of the 1880s, including feuds with neighboring landowners. In Roosevelt's case it was Antoine de Vallombrosa, Marquis de Mores, a twenty-six-year-old French nobleman and speculator. Mores had founded Medora, which he named after his wife. Bill Merrifield, who had a long-standing feud with him, grudgingly admitted Mores "had no judgment, but he was a fighter from hell."

Mores' quarrel with Merrifield and the Ferris brothers began before Roosevelt returned to his ranch. The marquis had directed his foreman to drive 1,500 head of cattle over to the Maltese Cross for pasture. Merrifield found them there and, when the foreman refused to move them off Roosevelt land, rode into Medora to confront Mores personally.

"We want them cattle moved by daylight," Merrifield said. "And if I don't?" Mores countered.

"We'll move them."

Mores asked for three weeks, but Merrifield repeated the ultimatum and the marquis sullenly wrote out the order.

In spite of the incident, Roosevelt and Mores enjoyed each other's company. Then, however, the marquis contracted to buy a herd of

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In another Remington drawing, Roosevelt (left) fires at a mountain goat while guide Jack Willis watches. Willis had objected to taking Roosevelt on the trip, but later had to admit he was a first-class outdoorsman.

Roosevelt cattle at seventy cents per head less than the Chicago price. That was reasonable, as it saved Roosevelt the time and cost of shipping them to Chicago himself, and he drove the herd to Mores' yards. When payment came, however, it was half-a-cent per pound less than the agreed price. When Roosevelt called him on it, Mores argued the Chicago price had dropped. Roosevelt insisted on the contract price, and an argument ensued. Finally Roosevelt reclaimed his cattle, announcing that henceforth he would sell his cattle directly to Chicago. Thereafter, the two aristocrats avoided each other.

The Roosevelt-Mores feud broke open again on a totally unrelated incident. Two years earlier, the marquis had killed a man in a gunfight, and after a long effort, the victim's friends succeeded in bringing a murder indictment against him. Mores, simmering in jail in Bismarck awaiting trial, decided the Ferris brothers and Bill Merrifield were behind his problems. He sent a note to Roosevelt which concluded, "I am always on hand as you know, and between gentlemen it is easy to settle matters directly."

Roosevelt replied that he was "not your enemy," but added if Mores' last sentence was a challenge to a duel, it would be arranged. Mores backed down. Roosevelt visited him in jail, and after the marquis was acquitted, they had dinner together and resumed their old association.

Although an exchange of notes could handle a European nobleman, outlaws were another matter. "Against horse thieves, cattle-thieves, claim-jumpers, and the like... the ranchman has to be on his guard," Roosevelt wrote. He added, "Armed collisions with these gentry are sometimes inevitable."

One morning Roosevelt learned the boat he used to navigate the Little Missouri had been stolen. He knew there were three hard cases about twenty miles upriver who were looking to get out of the country, as they were suspected of stealing cattle and horses, and were often mentioned as prime candidates for a lynching. "We knew that these men were becoming uneasy and were anxious to leave the locality; and we also knew that traveling on horseback, in the direction in which they would wish to go, was almost impossible, as the swollen, ice-fringed rivers could not be crossed at all, and the stretches of broken ground would form nearly as impassable barriers," Roosevelt wrote.

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Sewall and Dow, being from Maine, were skilled boat builders, and within three days had turned out a flat-bottomed scow ideal for the Little Missouri. In it they and Roosevelt went in search of the three outlaws. The weather grew colder, and by the end of the second day the temperature was zero. The following morning, they had to wait for ice to break up before continuing. Finally they got underway again, and at mid-afternoon they rounded a bend and saw Roosevelt's boat and a scow they knew belonged to the three outlaws.

"The men we were after knew they had taken with them the only craft there was on the river, and so felt perfectly secure; accordingly, we took them completely by surprise," Roosevelt recalled.

One of the men, a German called Pfaffenbach, was alone in camp and gave up immediately. The other two, an Irishman named Mike Finnigan and a half-blood Indian named Burnsted, were hunting. Hearing them return, Roosevelt's party hid behind the riverbank and got the drop on them.

It took ten days for Roosevelt and his men to get the trio to Dickinson, the nearest town, and they had to watch the outlaws day and night. Roosevelt never slept during the last thirty-six hours before he turned the men over to the sheriff. Under Dakota law, the arrest automatically entitled him to fees and mileage as a deputy sheriff—a total of fifty dollars. The three outlaws went to prison, where one of them began reading Roosevelt's stories of ranch life. He sent Roosevelt a fan letter saying, "Should you stop over at Bismarck this fall make a call to the Prison. I should be glad to meet you."

Although Roosevelt was successful hunting outlaws, his main interest was still game. In 1886 he sent a hastily scrawled, nearly illegible letter to guide Jack Willis in Thompson Falls, Montana. "I want to shoot a white antelope goat. I have heard it is the hardest animal in the Rockies to find and the most difficult to kill I have also heard that you are a great hunter. If I come to Montana will you act as my guide, and do you think I can kill a white goat?"

Willis replied, "If you can't shoot any better than you can write, NO."

Undeterred, Roosevelt telegraphed Willis to be ready in five days. Then he and Bill Merrifield boarded the train to Montana. "I'm here," he exclaimed when they arrived. "When do we start?"

Willis said he could start anytime he wanted to, as he would be going alone anyway. The guide, however, underestimated Roosevelt's ability to badger and persuade. Finally, as he was leaving for a hunt anyway, Willis grudgingly agreed to take him along.

Roosevelt's enthusiasm bordered on foolhardiness and on several occasions nearly got him killed. The first was when he fell into a sixty-foot ravine, bouncing off two pine trees which broke his fall. Peering over the edge, Willis heard him call from the bottom, "Not hurt a bit. Wait till I find my glasses." The second time, Roosevelt insisted Willis and Merrifield lower him over a three-hundred-foot waterfall so he could photograph it. They lowered him, but couldn't bring him back up. After hanging for two hours, Roosevelt finally fell the remaining forty feet to the bottom and was dragged, semi-conscious, from the icy water. Willis decided the key to Roosevelt's survival was that, "God loves a brave man."

In 1886, Roosevelt returned to the East where he married Edith Kermit Carow, a childhood friend. The Reform Republicans were pressuring

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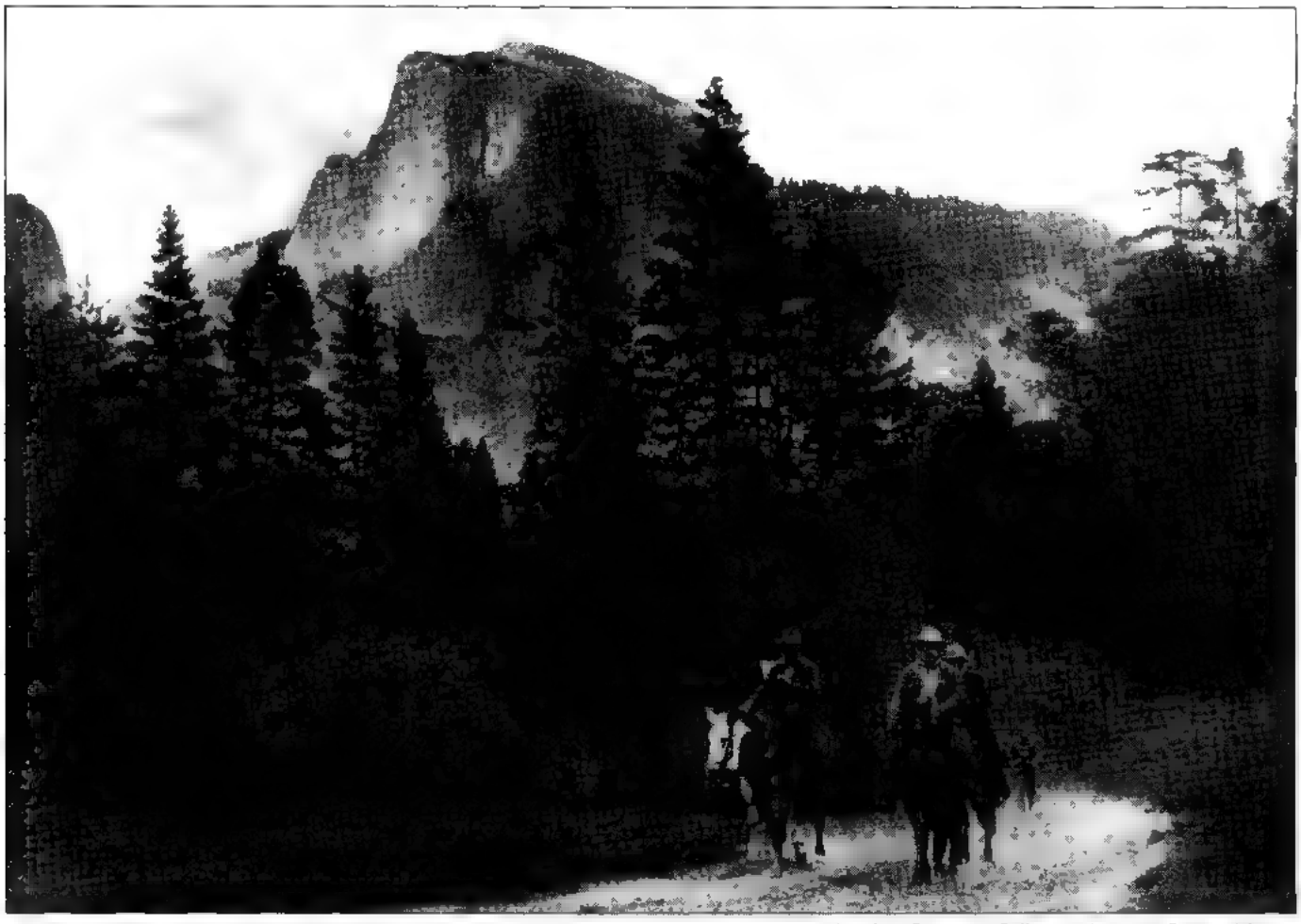

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Still fascinated with the West, President Roosevelt (right) and naturalist John Muir (left on blaze horse) ride through Yosemite National Park during a camping trip. Roosevelt set aside the first fifty-one federal wildlife refuges, saying, "A grove of giant redwoods or sequoias should be kept just as we keep a great and beautiful cathedral."

him to reenter New York politics, and the terrible winter of 1886-87 wiped out his cattle and his $52,500 investment in ranch life. Still, he never got over the West or the brave men he thought were responsible for its development. While recruiting the "Rough Riders" for the war with Spain in 1898, he deliberately sought cowboys whom he knew to be dependable and excellent riders (even though they fought on foot in Cuba).

The West's natural beauty also never failed to amaze Roosevelt. In 1903 he wrote one of his daughters, "It was very interesting going through New Mexico and seeing the strange old civilization of the desert, and next day, the Grand Canyon of Arizona, wonderful and beautiful beyond description. I could have sat and looked at it for days."

Roosevelt camped in the wilderness with naturalist John Muir, and worked closely with John Burroughs. During his administration, five national parks, twenty-three national monuments, and 148 million acres of woodlands were placed under the federal system. The impact of his conservation efforts, particularly in the West, was so profound that backers of the Hetch Hetchy dam bill, which detached a valley from Yosemite National Park for use as a reservoir, waited through two presidential administrations until they found a pro-development president in Woodrow Wilson.

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On learning his youngest son, Quentin, had died in action in France in 1918, Roosevelt summed up the philosophy which had served him so well, both in the West and in the White House. "Only those are fit to live who do not fear to die; and none are fit to die who have shrunk from the joy of life. Both life and death are parts of the same Great Adventure." His own death came a year later. He was only sixty years old.

Amos Chapman

Scout Extraordinary

By GLENN SHIRLEY

Exploring and guarding the western frontier, the United States Army constantly needed experienced plainsmen who knew Indian habits and languages to serve as scouts. Colonel Richard Irving Dodge, who as a major commanded Fort Dodge, Kansas, in 1873, said the best guides were old trappers and buffalo hunters who, "Ignorant of geography and almost entirely independent of the points of the compass,...[could] take you where you wish to go and bring you safely back again...each by his own sequence of landmarks." Scouts also had to search out the enemy, learn their strength and condition, and ascertain any obstacles to attack, all the while remaining undetected themselves.

Dodge cited many fine scouts, Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, California Joe, Wild Bill Hickok, and Buffalo Bill Cody among them, but hastily added, "All scouts were not courageous. It is a remarkable fact that frontiersmen, so utterly reckless of life that they will shoot each other for pastime, are oftentimes the most arrant cowards when the antagonist is an Indian. Though hundreds of scouts have been employed by the government since the war, the number of really remarkable men among them can be counted on the fingers." One of those men, said Dodge, was Amos Chapman.

Chapman was a quiet, unpretentious man. He seldom spoke of his

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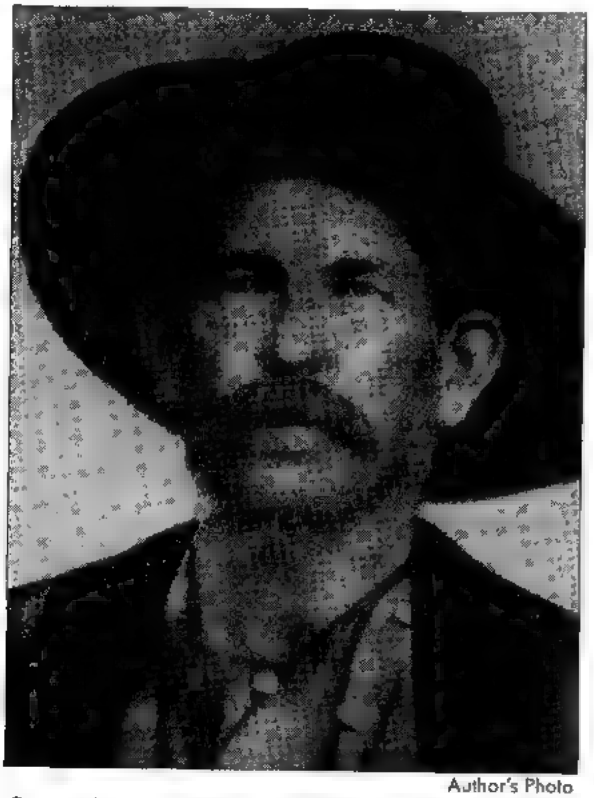
Frederic Remington's sketch of Amos Chapman rescuing Private Smith at the Battle of Buffalo Wallow.



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Scout Amos Chapman. General Nelson Miles esteemed Chapman as "one of the bravest of the brave men I have ever known."

more than twenty years of exploits with the army, and unlike Carson, Cody, Hickok, and others, never commercialized his career or wrote an autobiography. Even newspaper correspondents had little chance of getting a story of Chapman's life after he retired from government service. However, a diary, scattered military reports, and mentions in Kansas-Indian Territory border newspapers make it possible to piece together many of his harrowing escapades.

Chapman was born in Missouri, March 15, 1837. At age sixteen he left his home at Chillicothe for the western plains, where he became a teamster, hunted buffalo, and traded calico, beads, and other items with Indians. He learned from the Cheyennes and Kiowas, fluently spoke their dialects, and became thoroughly familiar with the country. That experience qualified him as a scout. In May 1867, Captain Charley Biggers, who was leaving Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, with a train of military supplies for Fort Wallace on the Smoky Hill River and freight for Trinidad, Colorado, employed Chapman.

Eighteen wagons, forty-eight mules and horses, and sixty-four men, women, and children bound for Colorado had just arrived in Leavenworth City. Stories of Indian attacks and settlers dying on the trail convinced the families to join Biggers' train on June 1. Morgan Thomas, his wife Edna, and their seven children occupied two of the wagons. Mrs. Thomas' account of the trip was published in *Frontier Times*, April–May 1972.

Mrs. Thomas described Chapman as "about six feet tall, black hair, dark piercing eyes and a dark complexion resembling an Indian's. His darkness is contrasted by the pure white horse he rides." He wore a wide-brimmed hat and a buckskin coat decorated with a fine beaded design. "He looks too young to be a qualified scout, but Biggers claims he is one of the most efficient on the frontier. Nevertheless the trains people would rather have an older man." Chapman was thirty at the time. Later, Mrs. Thomas would change her mind about the scout.

On June 3 the procession set out for Topeka, some seventy miles, traveling three uneventful days in heat, dust, and wind, which Chapman assured the people they would "get used to." On June 6, the eldest Thomas child, sixteen-year-old Morgan, went into the brush alongside the trail, where a rattlesnake bit him. Chapman heard his screams and rushed to the rescue. Throwing the lad on the ground, Chapman slit his leg with a hunting knife and sucked out blood and poison. The trains people had no stomach for such treatment and "turned their backs," Mrs. Thomas recalled. Biggers said, "It's not a pretty sight, but will perhaps save his life." The train camped at Topeka that night. By daylight the boy's fever was almost gone. Mrs. Thomas wrote, "We are devoutly grateful to Amos Chapman; we thanked God for giving us this man."

The procession continued westward, through "almost unbearable heat...a high wind blowing sand into everything." On June 10, "we saw our first Indians. They sat their horses at some distance and watched us pass," Mrs. Thomas wrote. The emigrants made camp that night on the Kansas River, where "all enjoyed the cool waters." On June 11, the wind struck with such force that it overturned wagons and scattered horses and mules; the people went on foot into a gully for protection. The storm soon passed, and the travelers spent the rest of the day "putting the train back together." The afternoon of June 12, "we pulled into Fort Riley, a tired weary group of travelers." The wagons were inspected and the necessary repairs made. Mrs. Thomas said the party spent June 13 "in rest," and the people attended religious services that the post chaplain conducted. He advised, "Ask the Lord for his help and guidance. You'll need it every foot of the way. It is 300 miles to Fort Wallace, and the country is infested with hostiles and renegades waiting to take advantage of your every mistake."

BIGGERS ASSEMBLED the train at daybreak and Chapman gave final instructions. "Keep close to the wagon in front of you, don't lag back, this is what the Indians are looking for," he said. "When you walk, keep close to your wagon, and don't wander out over the prairie afoot. When you are ordered to circle the wagons, don't cut across, follow the wagon in front of you." He asked Thomas to bring his two wagons forward and lead the train.

Mrs. Thomas noted, "When in line, we pulled out... We can see for many miles nothing but endless plains, no trees except along the Smoky Hill river which we can always see in the distance." June 15 was "Another hot and dusty day. When we cross a high rolling hill we can see Chapman far in the distance riding his white horse. Buck Hill, 2nd Scout, rides far in back. They are looking for hostiles."

On June 16, Chapman again showed his mettle. A severe dust storm that reduced visibility to ten feet halted the train, and the Brad Lunsford and Joseph Martin families wandered off the trail and became lost. Biggers found the wagons missing when the storm abated. He and Chapman "conversed in hushed tones,"

then Chapman rode off on a *black* horse. "I knew then they expected the worst," Mrs. Thomas wrote.

Four Indians set upon the Lunsfords and the Martins, who were trying to find their way back to the train, and took their guns and forced them to drive into a creek bottom. The Indians ransacked the wagons of food and whiskey, ate supper, then took the horses off a short distance and drank the whiskey until they fell asleep. Lunsford and Martin, fearing for the women and children, made no effort to recover their guns or horses but sat up all night and prayed for help.

At daylight, the Indians returned to the wagons and began molesting the women. Lunsford and Martin interceded but were "knocked down." One of the Indians was dragging Mrs. Lunsford by the hair toward the creek when Chapman appeared and shot him through the head. The others fled for their ponies only to find that Chapman had turned them loose. Lunsford and Martin retrieved their weapons and set out with Chapman after the Indians; the three men killed the Indians. Joseph Martin's wife told Mrs. Thomas later, "If not for Chapman I believe the Indians would have killed us all."

Author's Photo

Colonel Richard Irving Dodge had much to say about Amos Chapman and army scouts in general in his book, *Our Wild Indians*.

Mrs. Thomas described June 27 as, "Our most horrible day, one of disaster." At 2:00 p.m. Chapman came racing over a hill and reported twenty-five warpainted Osages riding toward the train. The wagons were circled, the women and children ordered inside and on the floor. Every man stood at the front wheel of his wagon, ready for action; they were not to fire unless Biggers or Chapman so ordered them.

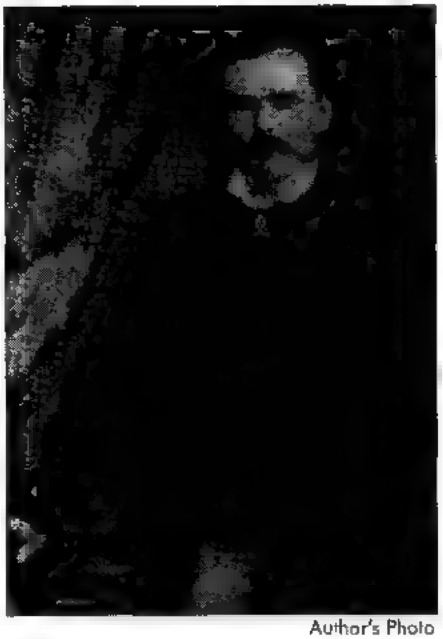
THE INDIANS halted within forty yards of the circle. After exchanging signals, Biggers and Chapman rode out to talk to their chief, Bull Hump. Bull Hump demanded food, whiskey, guns, and ammunition. Biggers told him he could have food only, and that his men were well able to defend the train. Seeing that he couldn't bluff Biggers, the chief agreed on food. The three started toward the wagons with the mounted warriors following them

Chapman stopped and asked the chief to leave his braves, saying they would frighten the women and children. The chief waved his warriors back, but they thought the white men were taking him prisoner and grabbed Chapman and Biggers. Buck Hill, watching the affair, thought Biggers and Chapman were being captured. Against strict orders, he raised his rifle and fired. The chief fell, mortally wounded.

Chapman and Biggers made the circle under a hail of bullets and arrows. The trains men opened fire on the Indians, killing and wounding several. Some of the women and children climbed out of the wagons to watch, and the retreating Indians killed one woman and two children as they rode away.

An enraged Captain Biggers declared that Buck Hill "should be burnt at the stake—and the rest of you, I should leave to the mercy of the Indians." The emigrants buried the dead in unmarked graves lest the Indians dig up the bodies and use them in a celebration. Then the train pulled out, traveling all night to get as far from the scene of carnage as possible.

The emigrants finally reached Fort Wallace on July 2. There they attended a small Independence Day celebration and no less a personality than Lieutenant Colonel George A.



Author's Photo

William "Billy" Dixon, scout and buffalo hunter.

Custer welcomed them. When Custer and Amos Chapman met, they "embraced like long lost brothers," Mrs. Thomas wrote. Custer assured them that the fort would remain intact on the frontier as long as the Indians wanted war, and he suggested that the Smoky Hill country was a great place for homesteading.

All of the train's members settled in the region except the Thomas and Lunsford families, who accompanied Biggers' freight outfit to Colorado. The Thomases took some valley land fifteen miles north of Trinidad, the Lunsfords farther north, and became successful cattle raisers. Chapman visited them several times afterwards while scouting in the area, and they always considered him "one of the finest men" they ever met.

In 1868 Chapman scouted for Major Joel Elliott of the Seventh Cavalry, and in 1872 for the Sixth Cavalry, which patrolled around Fort Dodge, Kansas, and Camp Supply, Indian Territory, to protect surveyors and control the Plains tribes He also carried mail and dispatches from outpost to outpost and, when leaving Camp Supply, usually took different routes to avoid confrontations that would delay his missions. He became so cunning that the renegade bands then making their presence felt in Indian Territory and the Texas panhandle considered him a "prize" they would like to collect

Once Indians ambushed Chapman at the junction of Seiling Creek and the North Canadian River, near present-day Seiling, Oklahoma. His only avenue of escape was toward a fifty-foot bluff on the river. He knew the Canadian was up from recent rains and raced his horse in that direction, dragging his pack mule behind. He jumped his horse from the bluff, and swam to safety.

Chapman's most desperate encounter with Indians occurred in 1874, twenty-two miles south of present-day Canadian, Texas, near the Indian Territory border, and has gone down in history as the Battle of Buffalo Wallow.

The Medicine Lodge Treaty of 1867 had set aside the region south of the Arkansas River as the exclusive hunting grounds of the Plains tribes. In 1872 the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad reached Fort Dodge and in 1873 extended to Granada, Colorado. By that time buffalo north of the river had become scarce, and the hidemen, firing deadly, big-caliber Sharps rifles, moved into the Texas panhandle to kill the southern herd. When admitted to the Union, Texas had reserved all public land; not having been consulted in the Medicine Lodge treaty, it made no effort to prevent the encroachment within its borders. As a result, in 1874 thousands of Indians left their reservations and went on the warpath.

Scattered bands struck isolated camps and stage stops on the Chisholm Trail in Indian Territory and forced the Cheyenne-Arapaho agent to flee into Kansas. Near Buffalo Springs, about fifty Cheyennes massacred Pat Hennessey and his three drivers who were hauling supplies from Wichita, Kansas, to Fort Sill, Indian Territory.

The Indians first attacked those they hated most—the buffalo hunters in the northern Texas panhandle. At dawn, June 27, some 700 Kiowa, Comanche, and Cheyenne warriors struck Adobe Walls on the Canadian in a roaring torrent of arrows and carbine and smoothbore musket fire. Their weapons were no match, however, for the long range rifles of the twenty-eight white men fighting from behind the thick walls which gave the trading post its name. The warriors were humiliated, but they caused such destruction that the hunters had to suspend operations.

The tribes spread across the plains, pillaging and burning. General Phil Sheridan, commander of the Military Division of the Missouri, which included Texas and Indian Territory, launched a pincer campaign to corral the tribes and force them to surrender or engage in a decisive fight. Lieutenant Colonel John W. Davidson of the Tenth Cavalry moved west from Fort Sill; Colonel Ranald S. MacKenzie and his Fourth Cavalry moved north from Fort Clark at Bracketville, Texas; Colonel George P. Buell, Eleventh Infantry, moved across from Fort Griffin, Texas; and Major William R. Price, Eighth Cavalry, came down the Canadian from Fort Union, New Mexico. Colonel Nelson A. Miles of the Fifth Infantry was placed in immediate command of the troops in the field and left Camp Supply to converge on the hostiles from that direction.

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Scouts Amos Chapman and William "Billy" Dixon accompanied Miles. Dixon was a frontiersman of the highest order. Born in West Virginia in 1850, he—like Chapman—had gone west in his teens and hired out to a freighting outfit in Kansas. In 1867 he had driven a wagon team in the train that accompanied the government commission escort to the Medicine Lodge peace council. In November 1868, he drove one of the wagons which accompanied Custer's command to Camp Supply before Custer's fight at the Washita November 27. Afterwards, he drifted into buffalo hunting, operating his own outfit. He became a hero at the Adobe Walls Indian fight, when, toward the end of the battle, his fifty-caliber bullet knocked an Indian medicine man off his horse on a ridge seven-eighths of a mile distant. Though some claimed the reported range of the shot was exaggerated, none questioned his skill with a rifle.

Colonel Miles struck a prominent Indian trail on Sweetwater Creek. After days of forced marches across the dry North Fork of Red River and up the Tule Canyon, he engaged and routed the marauders in the Palo Duro country. The sharp fight and long rapid pursuit in the burning heat of a late summer drought exhausted his men and beasts and far outstripped his forage and rations. On September 1, he rested his command on McClellan Creek near the North Fork of Red River, and sent his wagons back to Camp Supply for more food and ammunition.

The Indians, in their flight, had split forces. Unknown to Miles, the main body had maneuvered to his rear to intercept the train and leave him stranded. On September 9, just above the Washita River, 400 hostiles attacked the train under escort of Captain Wyllys Lyman. The troopers dug pits around the corralled wagons and fortified them with forage sacks and boxes of rations. The Indians also dug in and kept the whites under siege, with only short lulls, until September 12.

On September 10, with the wagons three days overdue, Miles suspected the Indians had outwitted him. He sent Chapman and Dixon to Camp Supply with a dispatch warning the train against attack and detailing the seriousness of his situation.

"It's a hazardous undertaking," the colonel warned. "Take as large an escort as you deem advisable—the dispatch must go through."

Chapman and Dixon reasoned that secrecy of movement would be more important than large, but insufficient, numbers and elected to

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take only four troopers—Sergeant Z.T. Woodall and Privates Peter Rath, George Smith, and John Harrington. Each man carried a rifle, a revolver, and 200 rounds of ammunition.

The six started at sundown. All night they rode steadily northeast, reaching a mesquite thicket on a high ridge just before dawn. They lay concealed there during the day. They observed small war parties in every direction, but remained undiscovered.

When darkness fell, they again took the trail but found it necessary to detour to avoid running into Indians. Consequently, at dawn on September 12, they were still many miles from Camp Supply. They were approaching the Washita, near the Indian Territory border, and Chapman suggested they could cover some ground in daylight if they could make the river in safety. Dixon said, "Let's risk it."

At sunrise they reached the foot of a low hill that obscured what lay beyond. Up and over it they rode—and found themselves facing a band of 125 Kiowas and Comanches that had just left the siege of Lyman's train.

The men yelled and reined to a halt. Even the Indians—bodies splashed with ochre and vermilion, scalps dangling from bridle reins, and armed with carbines, lances, arrows, and shields of buffalo hide—yelped in surprise at the freak, sudden meeting. With blood curdling whoops they quickly surrounded the party.

The hillside offered no cover and there was no chance for a running fight, so the six men dismounted to make a stand. Private Smith was put in charge of the horses. "Whatever happens," warned Woodall, "don't let them get away!" Those were useless words, for the Indians opened fire on Smith. He fell with a bullet in his chest, his rifle flying far from reach. The terrified mounts bolted, taking with them canteens, haversacks, and extra ammunition tied to their saddles.

For several minutes the Indians circled, firing from below their ponies' bellies. Woodall was slightly wounded in the groin, Harrington in the hip, Dixon grazed in the calf of one leg and his shirt ripped by bullets. Rath went unscathed. The Indians circled closer, but withdrew as the white men toppled several from their ponies. Then Chapman spotted a buffalo wallow a hundred yards away. It was only a foot deep and ten feet wide, but it offered a refuge.

"You're the fastest, Billy," Chapman shouted. "Run for it. We'll draw their fire, then you cover us while we try."

Dixon hit the sandy depression as the Indians turned their guns on him. That gave the others their chance. Rath sprinted the distance easily. Then Chapman, Harrington, and Woodall reached the wallow under Rath's and Dixon's covering fire

While the troopers kept the Indians at bay, Chapman and Dixon worked hard and feverishly with hands and bowie knives to deepen the depression and throw the loose soil around the rim for additional protection. They stopped to aid the troopers when the Indians approached too closely.

The Indians made sport of the affair, despite their losses. They dashed along the hill in a fantastic display of horsemanship, some standing erect on their ponies, their lofty headgear fluttering and lances shining against the sunlight, in a prelude to each onslaught.

Hours passed with scarcely an interval of peace, but the frontiersmen held their ground. The September sun beat down unmercifully. By noon, every man was suffering from thirst and most of their ammunition was gone

Author's Photo

J E. Taylor's illustration of Chapman rescuing Private Smith appeared in *Our Wild Indians*, published in 1882.

Private Smith still lay on the hillside. Thinking he was dead, his companions did not focus their attention on him until they needed the cartridges in his belt. Then they saw him move imperceptibly.

"He's still alive—we can't leave him out there," Chapman told his comrades. "Keep those red devils off me. I'm going to pick up Smith!"

Laying down his rifle, he sprang from the wallow and ran full speed to the helpless trooper. He shouldered him and began staggering under Smith's 170-pound weight back to the shelter. He had gone about thirty yards when fifteen Indians came at him.

They all recognized him, and yelled, "Amos! Amos! We have got you now!" Chapman drew his revolver. Unable to hold Smith on his back with one hand, he dropped the trooper. His comrades fired from the wallow, and Chapman fired his pistol. Ponies tumbled and Indians scattered.

Chapman again shouldered Smith and made the best possible time, but another group bore down on running ponies. Chapman's revolver was empty, and this time he did not stop to fight. He was within twenty yards of the wallow when a gaudily painted Kiowa rode close and fired his carbine. Chapman's left leg collapsed, and he fell with Smith on top of him. Again his comrades made it hot for the Indians, who withdrew. Chapman jumped up, grabbed Smith and managed to drag him close enough to the wallow that the others could haul them to safety.

"Amos," exclaimed Dixon, "you' re bad hit."

"Naw," Chapman replied. He felt no pain and thought he had stepped in a hole.

"Look at your leg," said Dixon.

The Indian's bullet had severed Chapman's leg above the ankle; the ankle bone was piercing his boot. In his last desperate effort to rescue Smith, he had walked on the bone, dragging his foot behind him.

Chapman bound his wound the best he could, then helped attend Private Smith. Smith had been shot through a lung and was losing both blood and air from his chest cavity. Dixon stuffed the wound with a handkerchief; then they propped the trooper up in the wallow to conceal his critical condition.

The Indians continued to circle the besieged men under the blazing sun. Each time they moved within range, the men in the wallow carefully picked off their leaders to break up the rushes. But soon the last cap would be busted; then the Indians would end it all in one wild and victorious charge.

Fortune, they say, favors the brave. Late in the afternoon, great black clouds rolled in from the west. The temperature dropped rapidly, and a fierce wind whipped sand and tumbleweeds. The sky shook and blazed with thunder and lightning, and erupted in a downpour. Water pooled quickly in the wallow and the men drank gratefully, though their own blood tainted it. An hour later, the wind shifted to the north, chilling them to the bone.

The storm—known on the plains as a "norther"—affected the Indians as well. They gathered in small groups along the hillside, bunched on their ponies, blankets wrapped tightly around them. Discouraged by the weather and perhaps the sight of the prairie strewn with thirty-five dead warriors—they made no further attack. By dark, every Indian had disappeared.

The men in the wallow settled down for a miserable night. They gathered tumbleweeds to shield them from the wet ground, but no one closed his eyes. Smith died about 1:00 a.m., and the others lifted his body to the rim and covered his face with a scarf.

The dark hours of watching and waiting passed, and the men faced a new day. The sun came out, warmed them, and made them more comfortable. No Indians were in sight.

DIXON SET OUT afoot in search of help. Within a few miles he met Major Price and his troops. At noon September 12, near the Dry Fork of the Washita, they had engaged a band of hostile Indians returning from the siege of Lyman's supply train. Dixon told Price where to find his comrades.

A relief party went to the wallow and gave the men hardtack and dried beef; a surgeon examined their wounds. Smith was buried in the wallow where he died. Woodall, Rath, and Harrington were taken to Camp Supply in a wagon. Chapman, with the stamina which had carried him through many a rough spot, rode horseback with his shattered leg dangling.

Hospital medics had no choice—they amputated Chapman's leg below the knee. A week later, they had to hide his clothing to keep him in bed. Chapman got a peg leg and learned to mount his horse without assistance. As Colonel Dodge related, Chapman "was soon back in the government employ, as useful and as ready for a fight as any two-legged scout."

Colonel Miles personally congratulated each of the survivors of the buffalo wallow fight. His praise was reward enough for the men, but the colonel went further. From his headquarters on the Washita, September 24, he wrote the adjutant general of

Author's Photo

Amos Chapman's wife, Onehiou, or Mary Longneck, was Black Kettle's granddaughter.

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the army at Washington, saying, "I deem it but a duty to brave men and faithful soldiers to bring to the notice of the highest military authority an instance of indomitable courage, skill, and true heroism on the part of a detachment from this command, with the request that the actors be rewarded, and their faithfulness and bravery recognized, by pensions, medals of honor, or in such way as may be deemed most fitting." Each man received the Congressional Medal of Honor, Smith posthumously.

WOODALL, RATH, and Harrington returned to their companies. The Indian war ended in the spring of 1875, and Dixon was reassigned to Fort Elliott on Sweetwater Creek near Hidetown, later known as Mobeetie. He continued as a scout until 1883, when he took two sections of land on the site of the old Adobe Walls. There he met and married Miss Olive King, a schoolteacher from Virginia who had journeyed to the Texas panhandle to visit her two brothers. For years afterward, Dixon served as postmaster, and was the first sheriff of Hutchinson County when it was organized with Stinnett as the county seat in 1901. He died of pneumonia, March 9, 1913. In 1914 Olive Dixon published his autobiography, which erroneously credits her husband with the rescue of Private Smith at the buffalo wallow battle—much to the disappointment of Chapman and others.

Chapman became a scout and interpreter with the Fourth Cavalry at Camp Supply and Fort Reno. In April 1878 he warned the army that the Northern Cheyennes were threatening to leave their reservation unless they received better provisions. On September 9, ninety-two warriors and 268 women and children, led by Dull Knife and Little Wolf, slipped away from their lodges and broke for the northern plains. Chapman went with the soldiers who pursued the Indians and returned them to the reservation.

In August 1880, Stone Calf and two companions went to the Day Brothers ranch in the Cherokee Outlet and demanded a steer. When refused, the Indians covered the cowboys with carbines and pistols. Chapman arrived in time to avert disaster.

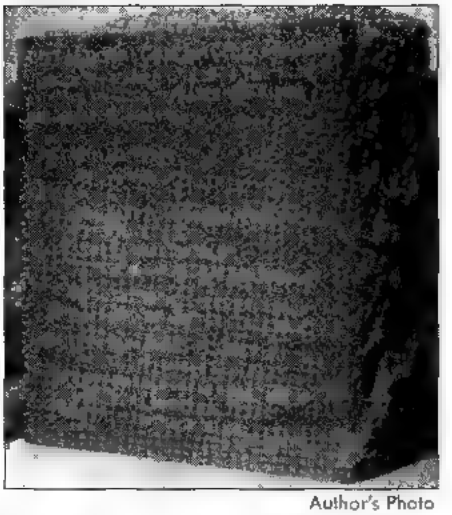
In November 1884, Kansas newspapers reported Chapman at New Kiowa, surveying the surrounding country for the purpose of locating a new trail to Camp Supply and other points south and west. The arrival of the Southern Kansas railroad at New Kiowa in August 1885 assured use of the new route. During six months in 1886, more than two million pounds of foodstuffs and other provisions were hauled over the trail, and all government freight and supplies for Indian Territory and the Texas panhandle were shipped from Kiowa rather than Dodge City.

By 1890, Chapman was a deputy United States marshal. On May 22, in charge of fifty Indian police, he intercepted 2,200 steers that were being shipped into the Cherokee Outlet in violation of President Benjamin Harrison's orders to escort tardy cattlemen from the area before the land rush of 1893. In September 1891, the *Barber County* (Kansas) *Index* noted that Chapman had "shot and killed two cowboys...in a quarrel over trespassing cattle," and complained, "He should be removed from duty." The matter was investigated, but the results are unknown.

CHAPMAN RETIRED from government service in 1892. He acquired some land near Seiling, in present-day Dewey County, and raised hogs and cattle. Although he had lost his leg as a result of his scouting activities against Indians, he bore them no ill will. He took an Indian wife, Onehiou, or Mary Longneck, a granddaughter of the Cheyenne chief Black Kettle. They reared ten children, all of whom learned both white and Indian ways and had the liveliness of mind that helped their father weather his many exploits on the plains.

Amos and Onehiou were loyal to the Cheyenne tribe. The Indians camped on their land, and they attended their powwows and sun dances. Amos often served as advisor for the tribe. Onehiou made beaded vests, headbands, and belts as a hobby. She never sold them; they were gifts to her family and friends. Amos made annual trips to Washington. On each trip Nelson Miles, who became commanding general of the army, entertained him. Miles esteemed the old scout as "one of the bravest of the brave men I have ever known."

Amos and his family suffered a blow when, in 1916, Congress passed a law removing his and Dixon's names from the Medal of Honor list. Only members of the military were eligible; as scouts, Chapman and Dixon did not qualify. One congressman labeled it a "flagrant act of injustice...unworthy of the Government in whose defense these men risked their lives." Both men were allowed to keep their medals, however, and their names were finally restored to the Honor list in June 1989.



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This monument to the heroes of the buffalo wallow fight was erected in 1927.

Chapman died on July 18, 1925; Onehiou died in 1931. Both were buried in the obscure Chapman burial ground four miles east of Seiling. In 1979, at the behest of old-timers who remembered them well and surviving relatives who wanted a more accessible resting place, their remains were moved to a place of honor in Bruinfield Cemetery north of town, near US Highway 183. A historical marker bearing the emblem of the Oklahoma flag designates the spot.

In 1927 two Wheeler, Texas, citizens deeded an acre of ground on the buffalo wallow site to the Panhandle Plains Historical Society. A monument of Oklahoma granite, ten feet tall, was erected and unveiled. On it appear the names of the six men who fought there and the inscription, "Here, on September 12, 1874, Two Scouts And Four Soldiers Defeated 125 Kiowa and Comanche Indians. Stand Silent! Heroes Here Have Been Who Cleared the Way for Other Men."

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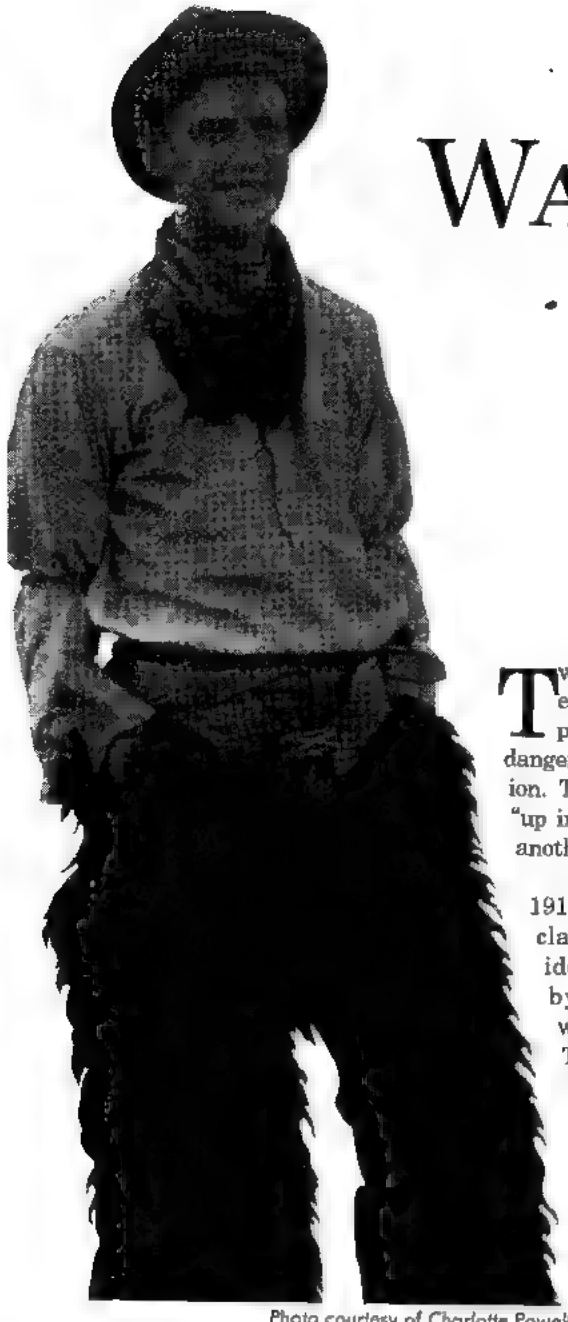

Photo courtesy of Charlotte Powell

"Cowboy" Al Thiri took this self-portrait near Polson, Montana in 1911.

WAS AL THIRI'S COMPANION

BY PAUL FUGLEBERG

Two things were certain about early-day western Montana photographer Al Thiri. One, danger was his constant companion. Two, he often seemed to be "up in the air" over one thing or another—literally.

In Polson, Montana, in 1910, for instance, old-timers claimed they could usually identify strangers in town by the way they acted when Thiri was at work. They would usually be gawking skyward, mouth agape, and sometimes breathless. Local folks, however, rarely glanced up. They knew Al Thiri was just doing what he did best—taking his "aerial view" pictures, either hanging out of an upper story window, teetering on the edge of a roof, strapped onto a telephone pole, perched on a tree limb, or peering down from a grain elevator.

While he operated in the shadows of the artistic talents of Herman Schnitzmeyer, R.H. McKay, and T.J. Hileman, the most noted area photographers of the era, Thiri's pictures had a unique perspective. That's why he called his business "Thiri's Aerial View Service." He began taking aerial views in Minnesota in 1906 when working for the St Paul Souvenir Company. Many pictures marked "T.A.V.S." can still be found in family photo albums and adorning western Montana homes.

No perch was too precarious for this pioneer aerial photographer.

Actually, Thiri was not his real name. He was born Albert Olsen in 1884 in Minnesota, but when he lived in St. Paul, there were so many other Olsens that he could never get his own mail at the post office. So Albert changed his last name to Thiri and kept it when he moved west, even though his four brothers in Polson—Ole, Sam, Andrew, and Lloyd -kept the name Olsen

Thiri went to Polson in May 1910 from Spokane, Washington, where he already had built a reputation for his aerial views. As early as June 1, 1910, shortly after the Flathead Indian Reservation opened to homesteading, ads appeared in Polson's first weekly newspaper, *The Lake Shore Sentinel*, and the new *Flathead Courier* proclaiming, "Thiri's Aerial Views on sale at the drug store and post office."

A MONTH later, thinking that another form of high altitude work would be good advertising for his business, Thiri billed himself as "Dare Devil Develo" during Polson's Fourth of July celebration. He jumped from a fifty-foot-high platform on the city docks, through a hoop of fire and into Flathead Lake. Windy weather delayed the jump until late in the day, but the *Courier* commented, "All who saw the dive were satisfied as to the nerve of the diver." A year later he performed a similar stunt at the Plains Fair as "Thiri, the Helldiver," leaping from a new wagon bridge spanning the Clark's Fork River through a circle of flame. He also claimed that he would set a record by holding his breath three-and-one-half minutes under water. No follow-up story recorded whether he achieved the goal.

Thiri had a narrow escape while returning from a photographic expedition to Caress Hot Springs and Dayton. The *Sentinel* reported, "Mr. Thiri walked in from Dayton and states that at a point near the Irvine ranch he was chased by a herd of buffalo [part of the Allard-Pablo herd] Ever alert for good views, Mr Thiri set his tripod and frantically waved his coat to keep the beasts from charging, and secured a good picture of the buffalo. The story is hard to believe, but Mr. Thiri has the film to prove it."

Photo courtesy of Mar e Kraus

Thiri had to work to get this photo of himself with a mountain goat kid in Glacier National Park.

In July 1910 the urge to photograph other parts of the state sent him traveling about as a representative of Cohn Brothers Postcard Jobbers of Butte. Then he moved to Chinook in September 1910 to work for Charles E. Morris, a publisher of postcards, calendars, and holiday items.

By the summer of 1911 Thiri was back in Polson photographing grain fields and threshing outfits. He operated from Polson for the next

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few years, taking pictures on local homesteads as well as in Big Arm, Elmo, Ronan, St. Ignatius, and other reservation communities.

In May 1914 Thiri investigated the possibilities of making aerial photographs in Glacier National Park but was almost grounded permanently. The *Flathead Courier* reported that avalanches trapped him near Sperry Glacier and he lived for three days and nights on some Grape Nuts he had carried with him.

By 1916 Thiri was ready to try something different. He became a first-class ranger in Glacier National Park with headquarters at Belton (now West Glacier), Montana. At the time the *Daily Inter Lake* of Kalispell, Montana, reported, "Mr. Thiri is well known in this country and has many friends who will be glad to learn of his appointment. For a number of years he was located at Polson and his photographs of western life taken on the reservation achieved national fame."

His Glacier Park adventures were among Thiri's favorites. He did a good bit of mountain climbing, and expressed amazement at the agility of mountain goats and their ability to get out of sight quickly—so fast that the first time he encountered a goat he watched it with admiration and forgot to take a picture.

Photo courtesy of Morris Bjorge

This self-portrait of Al Thiri shows the Bartlett Springs bathing area (now Camp Aqua) near Camas Hot Springs.

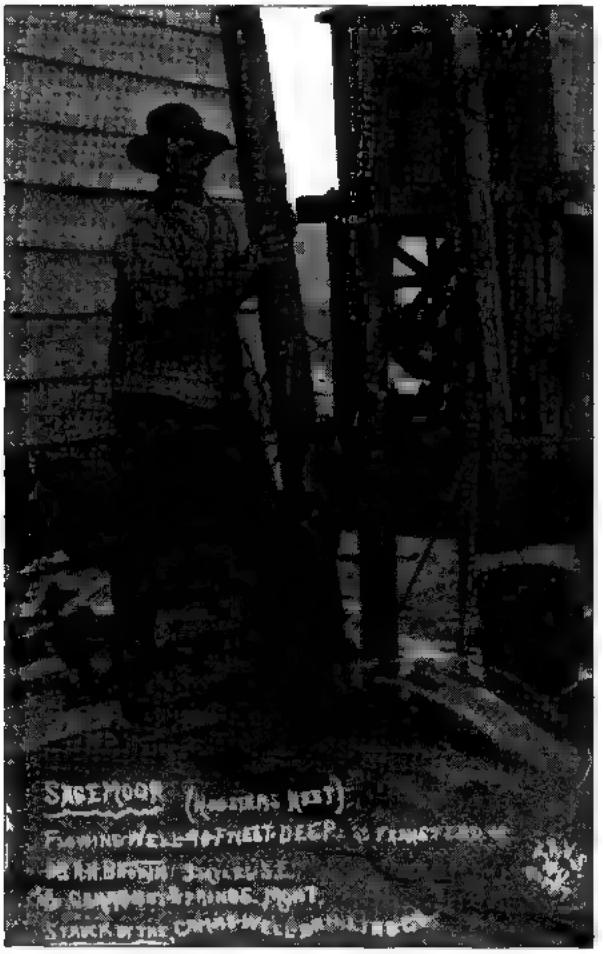
THIRI TOLD a *Seattle Sunday Times* reporter, "The hard part of mountain climbing is not the ascent but the descent." Flattened against a cliff, overhanging a drop of about 3,000 feet, Thiri said, he could follow the goats and find footing wherever they went—on the way up. But the hard part came on the way down when he had to use his feet to feel for places to step.

Thiri traveled through most of the wild places alone. Most of the time he went unarmed and carried a limited food supply of raisins, chocolates, cheese, and Grape Nuts. He also took with him a small vest-pocket camera and film.

Thiri's Glacier experiences occurred before the mass human intrusion into the grizzly bear's domain. At that time he reported there was "absolutely no danger from wild animals in the woods." Even grizzlies, he said, held no terrors for one who knew the forest. He said he had passed within a few feet of them with only a stick for protection. By dragging the stick he was able to frighten away any grizzly.

When traveling by horseback, however, Thiri hung bells on the saddle because he believed grizzlies thought horses were deer. He told friends that he had lost horses to bears when he forgot to put on the bells.

A grizzly did raid his camp once. Leaving a pot of prunes to boil on the camp stove, Thiri left the camp for just a few minutes. When he returned he found that a bear apparently had burned its paws and become enraged. After wrecking the camp, the bear managed to drag a case of canned goods about 150 yards before abandoning it. Thiri suspected



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Thiri photographed state-of-the-art drilling equipment at Camas Hot Springs, Montana, in 1911.

the animal's paws were burned too painfuly to tote cans any farther.

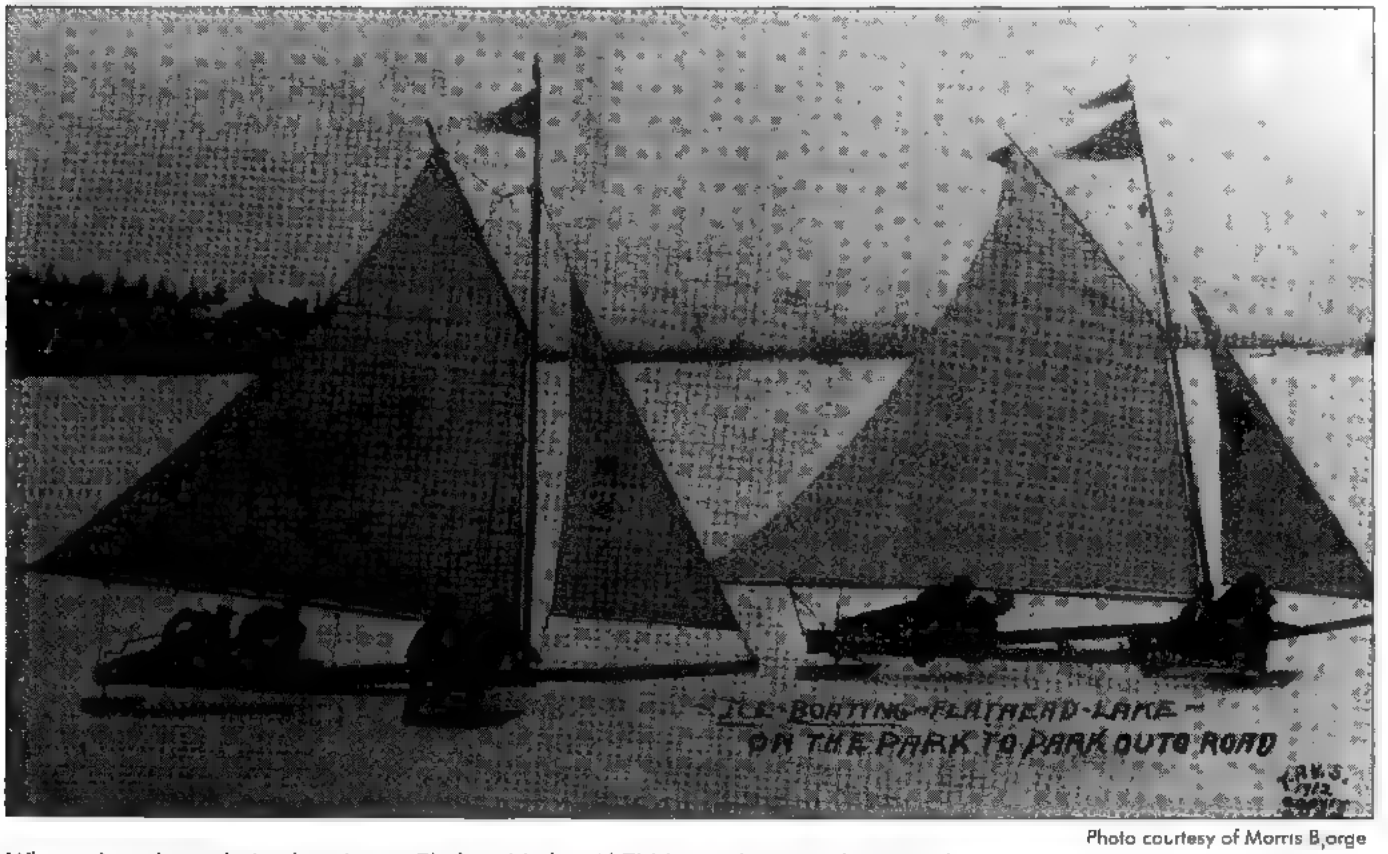
Thiri feared neither cougars nor mountain lions. He said, "I have seen dozens of those and have learned to ignore them entirely. They won't attack unless cornered."

Thiri never carried a compass in the woods; he found them useless in mountain country -- too many minerals influenced the needle. He determined directions mostly by the stars at night or by trees. He said that at night the Big Dipper was a faithful guide. The two stars forming the outside of the cup always pointed to the North Star. He said he could also depend on trees or grass for directions. Trees, he explained, have fewer branches on the west side, and grass always lies toward the east.

He told the *Seattle Sunday Times* reporter, "Sometimes when I'm at the top of a mountain, I feel that surely I'm on the most desolate spot in the world. Nothing but rocks and snow on all sides with the blue sky above and clouds below, one wonders how it is possible for even a goat to live in such a place.

"If one waits long enough, often he will see a goat nosing around through the snow. He will pick a stray piece of moss here and there or unearth some unseen herb. In times like these, the city and its high cost of living, with people grumbling about the price of ham and eggs, seems far away. Goats live where seemingly there is nothing to live for, and they seem to be happy for the chance."

While in Washington, Thiri took pictures from Mount Rainier and other Cascades peaks, as well as



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When winter brought ice boating to Flathead Lake, Al Thiri was there to photograph it.

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The only thing changed since Al Thiri photographed this setting is its name. Once called "Royal Gorge," the stream is now Avalanche Gorge.

shinnying the flagpole atop the L.C. Smith building to photograph Seattle. He told the *Times*, 'The Smith Building flagpole is a cinch. Some of these human flies ought to try mountain scaling. Any distance above 100 feet is all the same to me. A drop of 100 feet in the air means death. From that height up to 10,000 feet there is no difference."

The *Times* article said, "If he finds mountains he cannot ascend, he intends to view them through the lenses of the camera from an airplane." And so he did. In May 1919, Thiri took some authentic aerial views of Great Falls, Montana, flying with Major Carl Spaatz in a captured German Fokker

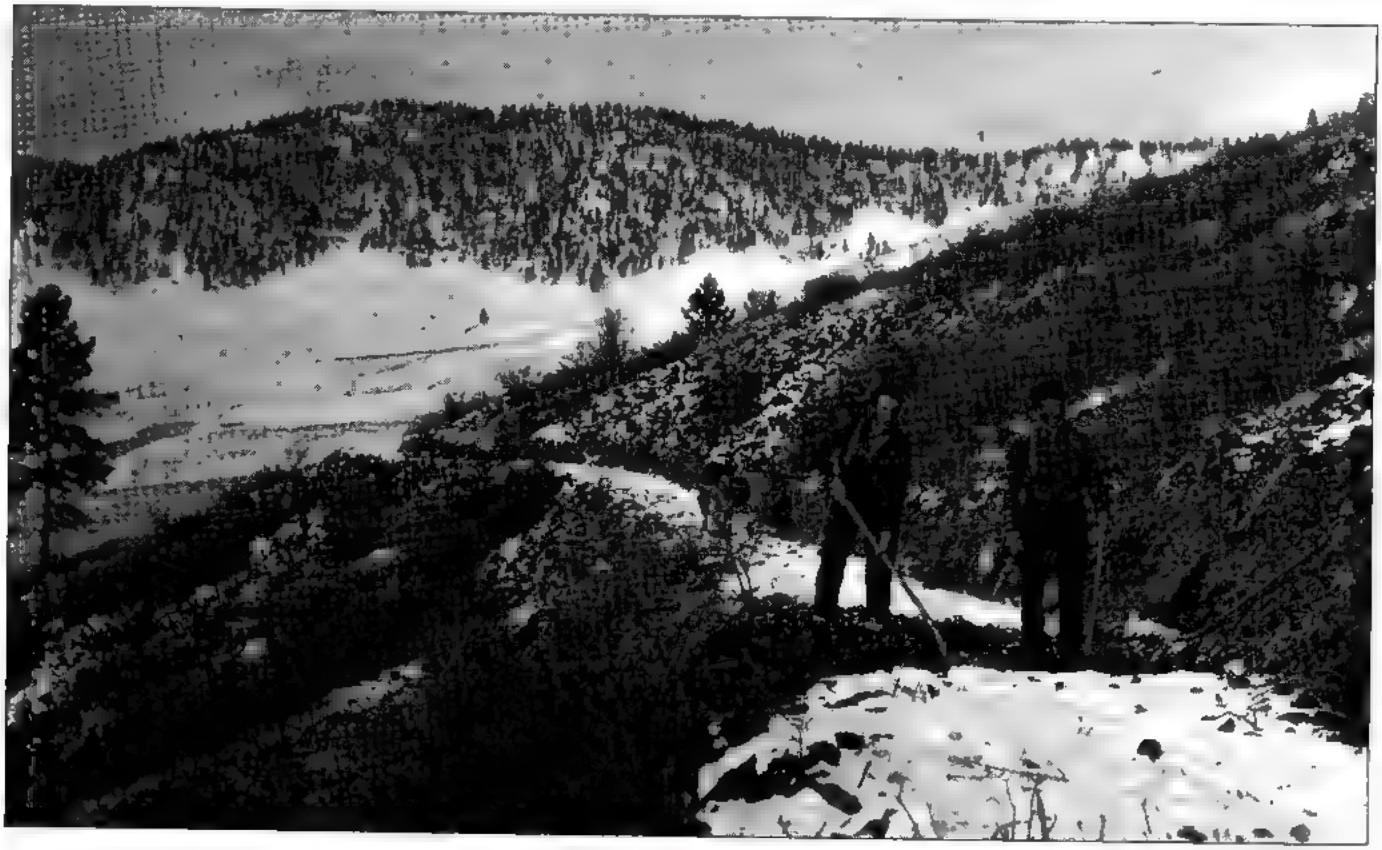
Weather never dampened Thiri's spirit; it simply added to the challenge. In the winter of 1919 he started a ten-mile hike through a blizzard in sub-zero temperatures, according to the *Times*, which reported, "At the end of ten miles, where he had cached a food supply, he found upon arriving that his stores had been stolen. During the night he dare not go to sleep. At daybreak he started again for a 17-mile journey to a settlement. The snow was two feet deep. His hands were so numbed that he couldn't light a match when he stopped to build a fire. To get heat he put the match in his teeth and scratched the head against his small wood ax."

"This was the nearest I came to getting caught by Nature,' he said, 'I didn't dare sit down during the 17-mile hike. I knew that if I got off my feet, I wouldn't be able to get up. I rested by leaning against trees." Despite the hardships, Thiri commented that he wouldn't trade his profession for that of the president.

Thiri became ill sometime in 1920. The *Flathead Courier* reported that he was incapacitated and that his mother, Mrs. A.H. Lunder of Polson, sought funds to send him to Rochester or someplace for specialized treatment. In August 1921, with the assistance of Dr. J.L. Richards and Mrs. E.A. Dubois, both of Polson, and a Dr. Witherspoon, he was able to enter the Butte hospital for treatment.

However, no one could help Thiri, and he died May 1, 1923, in Kalispell in the home of Mrs. Alice Peterson, at the age of thirty-nine. His death certificate lists "paralysis" as the cause of death.

Thiri's body was returned to Polson where funeral services were held in Lake View Cemetery. His grave, appropriately enough, is high on a hill affording a splendid "aerial view" of Flathead Lake.



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Martin Bjorge and Oscar Skarkerud carve a road by hand into an Irvine Flats hillside in this Al Thiri photo. Note the Jersey cow hitched to the tool cart in the background.

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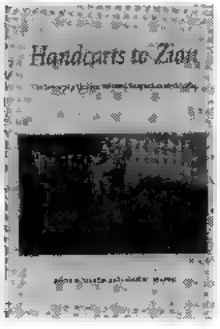

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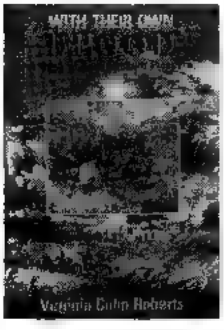

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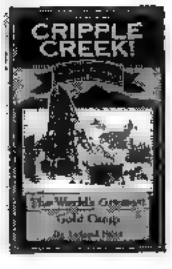

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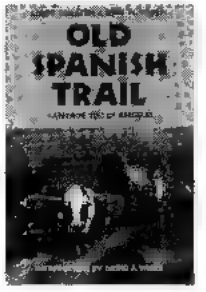

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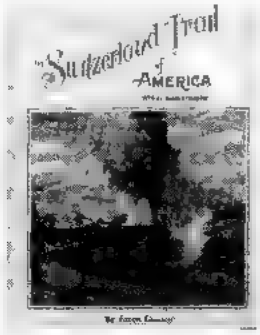

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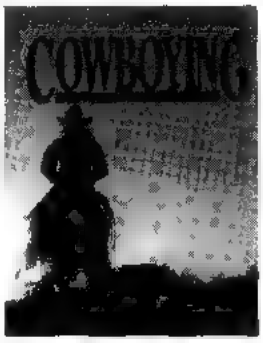

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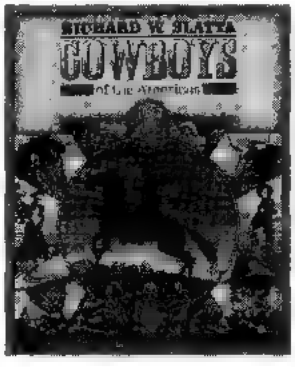

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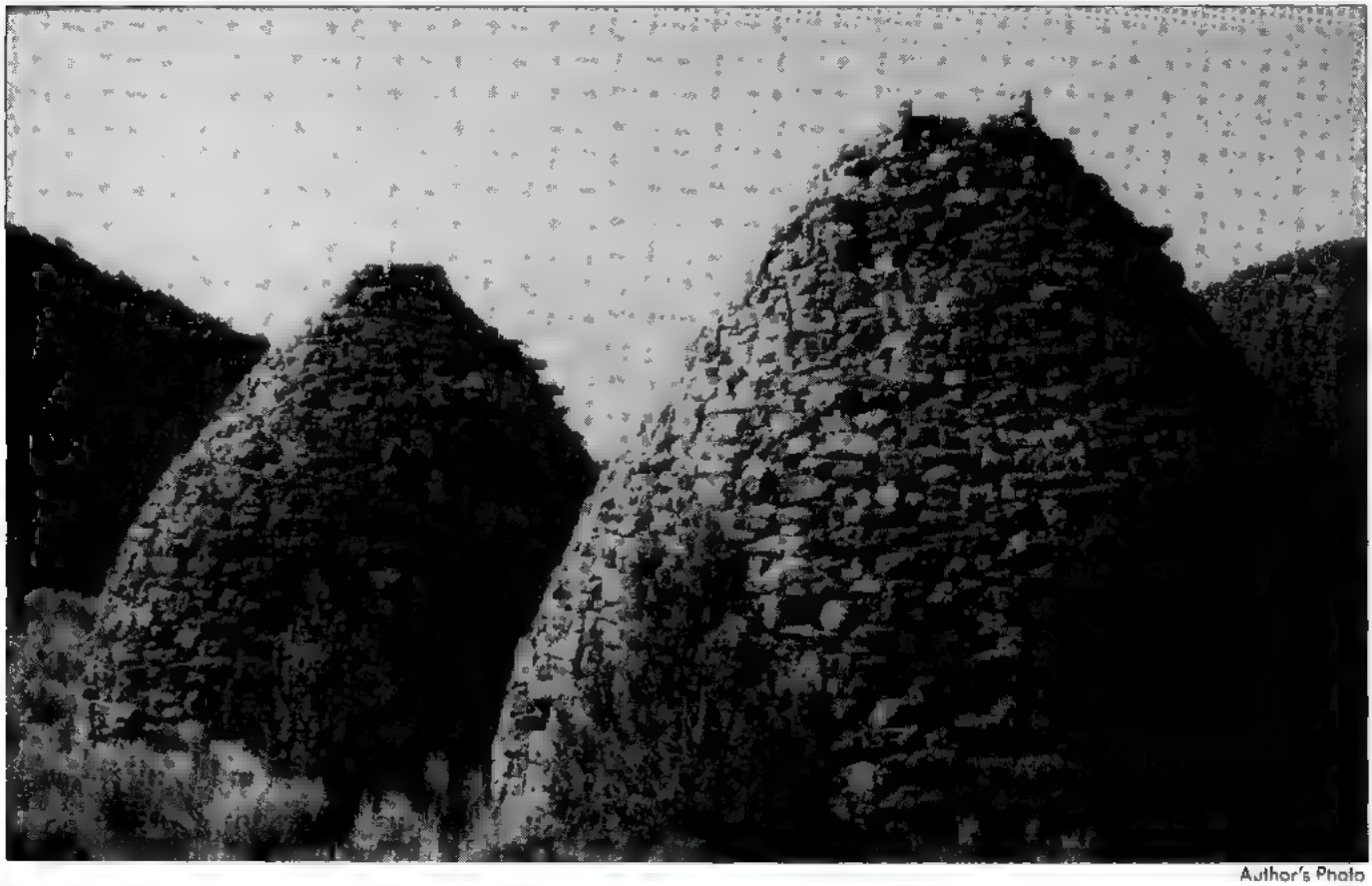
Mining in the Eureka Mining District in north-central Nevada began in the 1860s. Ore there proved valuable for its lead, iron, silica, antimony, and silver content. Moses



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Nevada's Panaca charcoal kilns. Such beehive-shaped kilns replaced earlier pit burners to provide a higher grade of charcoal for ore smelting operations.

Wilson erected the first smelting furnace in 1866, by 1872, the district had some 1,500 located mines and a population of over 4,000 people, many of whom were Italian or Swiss-Italian. By 1874, thirteen furnaces were operating. The town of Eureka nearly burned to the ground on several occasions, and the dense smoke, fumes, soot, and dust from the furnaces polluted the air.

The demand for charcoal to fuel the furnaces was relentless. The lead-silver smelters at Eureka required thirty to sixty bushels of charcoal to refine one ton of ore. Charcoal became the smelters' single largest expense and accounted for the majority of their production costs.

Charcoal was first produced commercially in Nevada in large pits Green pinyon pine, juniper, aspen, or mountain mahogany was ignited, burned, then smothered with soil. The wood then smoldered for two or three weeks before it burned itself out. Each pit firing, which required one hundred cords of green wood, produced about 3,000 bushels of charcoal; at their peak production, the dozen smelting furnaces in Eureka consumed 4,600 bushels daily. Clearly, the industry had widespread impact on the region's wood supply; ten acres of pinyon pines and junipers were cleared each time a single large charcoal pit was filled, and by 1878 the hills surrounding the mining district had been stripped of trees for fifty miles in all directions.

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As woodland areas were denuded, charcoal makers turned to other vegetation, such as sagebrush. A crisis was imminent. The shortage of fuel materials led to a transition in the industry about 1870. The beehive kilns replaced the earthen pits to produce a higher grade of charcoal. Each kiln, made of native stone, was similar in design, with an interior floor diameter of twenty to thirty feet. Laborers deposited wood into a charge door near the top of the kiln, and removed charcoal through a discharge door at ground level after it had burned about twelve days. Both openings had iron doors; small vents in the kiln walls supplied air for the burning process. The kilns were more efficient and produced over forty bushels of charcoal per cord of wood, compared to twenty-five to thirty bushels per cord in pit burning.

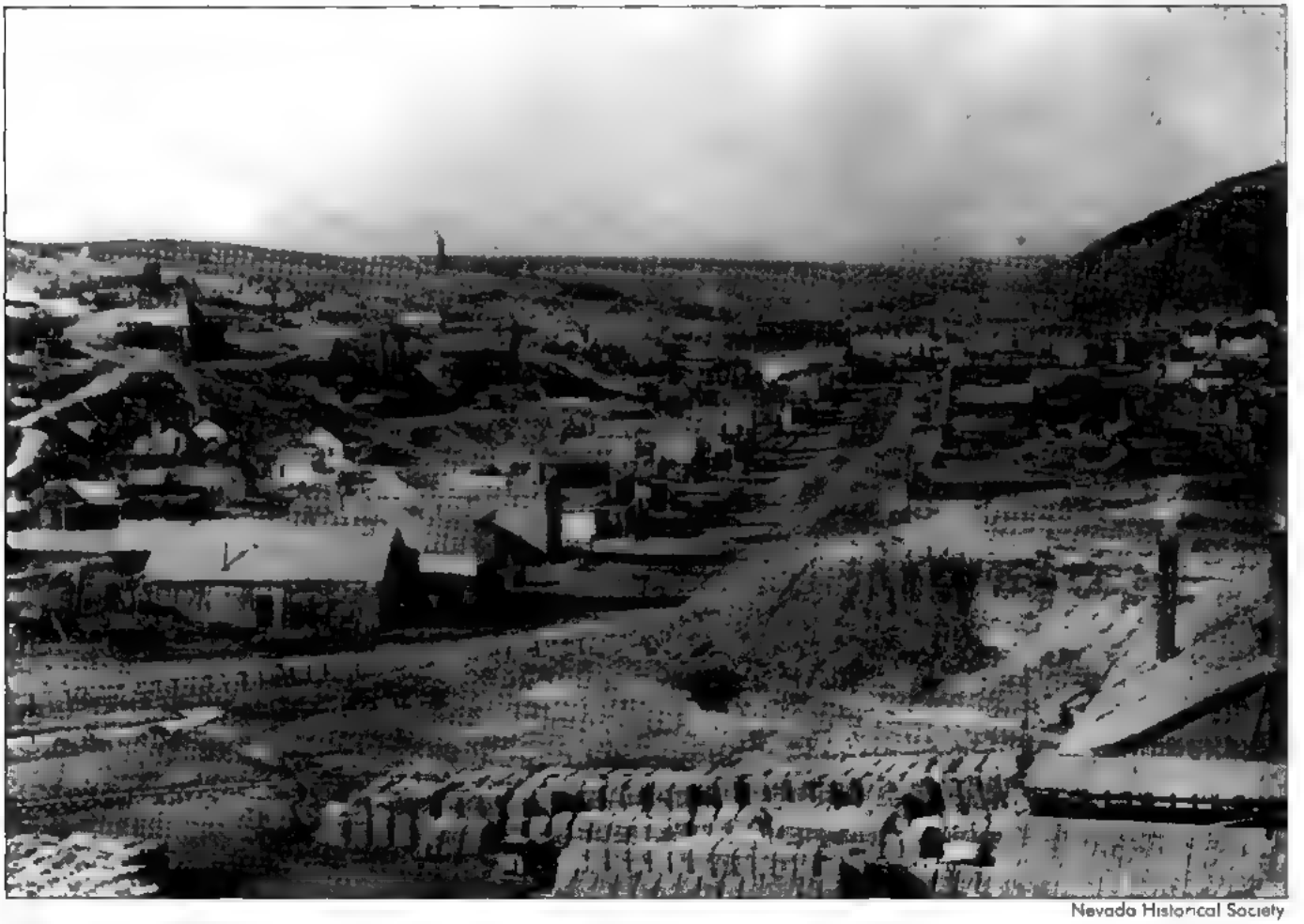
Photo by Joe Ross

The ruins of Nevada's Wheeler kilns.

Foreign immigrants were common in the mining camps and European laborers, as well as some Chinese, often worked as charcoal burners. They had little status in the labor market, however. As unskilled laborers they earned about ten dollars per week, less than half what mine workers earned. The charcoal burners lived in unsanitary huts or dugouts, and others scorned and frequently took advantage of them.

Bloodshed, racial strife, corruption, and greed characterized the industry. Whites resented the foreign burners as cheap competitors who held down wages and caused unemployment. In the case of the Europeans, they also held their Catholicism against them. Once, gun-wielding white workmen scattered a large group of Chinese woodcutters from their charcoal camp near Tybo, Nevada, and gave their employers one day to get rid of them. A confrontation would have erupted had the Chinese not offered to leave peacefully in exchange for stage fare to Eureka, one hundred miles away. Tybo's Anti-Asiatic League happily paid their passage.

Conflict between charcoal makers and smelters rose along with the price of charcoal. Price was based on the material's quality, distance from the pit or kiln to the smelter, supply, and demand. As wood dwindled, smelter operators faced rising charcoal costs. In 1879, Eureka operators declared they would pay no more than 27.5 cents per bushel as rising ore extraction costs prohibited them from paying the going rate of thirty cents per bushel. Over 1,000 members of the Eureka Charcoal Burners Association met in July 1879 and rejected the reduction, refused to allow charcoal deliveries to plants,



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Smokestacks indicate smelting furnaces operating in Eureka, Nevada, in the 1870s.

and threatened to destroy property and burn the town. Italian burners, calling themselves *Carbonari* to emphasize their goals of unity, independence, and liberty (they borrowed the name from a European political society that had backed Italian unification), were adamant in their demands

A general depression had struck the district that summer, and the local newspaper, the *Eureka Sentinel* claimed that as much as $40,000 a month was being sent abroad from Eureka, and almost as much to other areas of the United States. The *Sentinel* sympathized with the plight and living conditions of the burners and supported their right to name their price for charcoal.

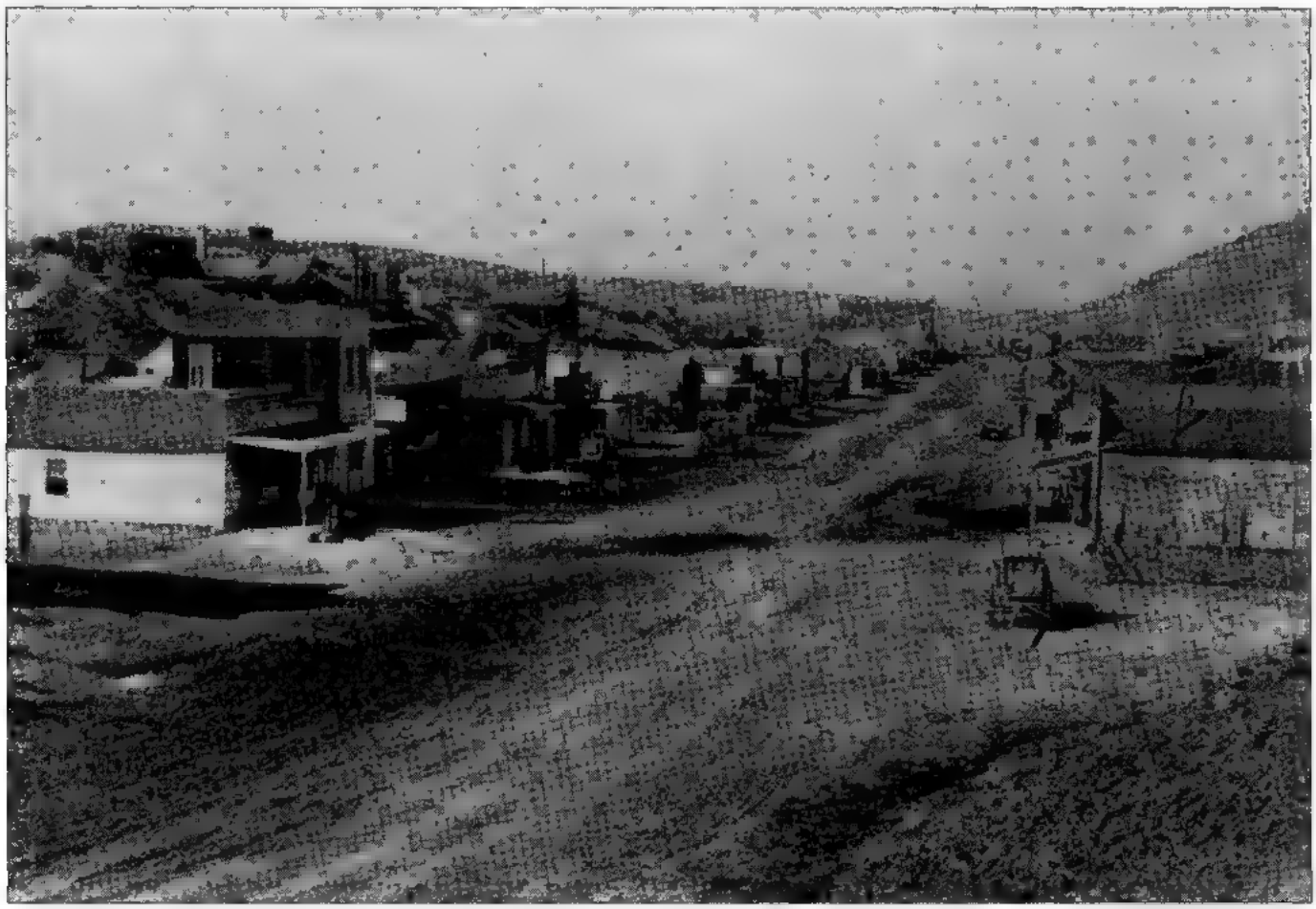
Smelter operators exacerbated the conflict when they refused to deal directly with charcoal burners. Instead, the operators contracted with freighting companies, who in turn paid the burners as little as thirteen cents a bushel, a price actually less than the cost of production The merchants of Eureka also shared some blame for the trouble by charging the burners exorbitant prices for food and other goods.

During July and early August 1879, many armed Italians prevented the burning and loading of charcoal. Even though one smelter, Eureka Consolidated, agreed to pay thirty cents per bushel for charcoal, the word did not get around immediately. The first major incident of the conflict occurred on July 20, 1879, when five armed Italians prevented Robert Brown, a teamster, from loading his wagon with charcoal. When Sheriff Matt Kyle and six deputies rode out the next day, they encountered 200 Italians armed with pistols, rifles, and clubs. When the posse told the Italians about Eureka Consolidated's acceptance of the price, the satisfied burners promised they would no longer stop that operator's wagons.

While some burners argued for a compromise at twenty-eight cents per bushel, the majority held out for thirty cents. On August 5, 1879, the Coal Burners Association decided that no burner would be allowed to deliver for less than thirty cents per bushel, and that all burners should have the privilege of seeing the furnace receipts.

The burners clearly intended to continue to stop the teamsters hauling their charcoal to the furnaces. By placing spies and runners in the towns and coal loading stations, small guerrilla bands of burners in the hills could quickly mobilize and strike whenever a loading team arrived. The system allowed them to evade posses and other armed groups riding after them.

On August 7, a large number of burners left Eureka with shotguns, grubbing hoes, and pruning knives. Reports of disturbances and destruction of property continued. While only a minority of burners favored violence, the group alienated many Eurekans who otherwise sympathized with their plight and thought the burners deserved better. By August 11, armed bands of Italians waited at every loading point in the district. Sheriff Kyle intended to



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Eureka, Nevada, in 1870. The town would soon be home to thirteen smelting furnaces.

raise a posse of one hundred well-armed men to ride out after the burners, but was talked out of the plan.

Instead, Kyle and county commission chairman B.J. Turner sent a message to Nevada Governor John H. Kinkead. It read, "'two thousand persons, banded together, and with arms in their possession, defied the civil authorities and refused to have any of their number arrested. They now hold forcible possession of many coal pits in this county. By force they have prevented, and are now preventing, the owners of charcoal from hauling it to their furnaces, and they threaten to destroy other property and burn the town. Arrests have been resisted by the rioters, who are well armed, and organized under the command of desperate leaders."

No doubt Kyle inflated the number of armed burners to get quick action. Some newspapers also misreported that burners had seized the town of Eureka. Governor Kinkead quickly called out the Nevada state militia to quell the uprising. When the Second Brigade arrived, the fighting temporarily stopped and the burners' leaders were imprisoned in a room over one of the town's saloons. Once locked up, the Italians behaved well and spent their time drinking beer, singing, and playing music. The militiamen spent their time playfully tossing their officers in blankets.

Italians, many with blackened faces to prevent identification, continued to roam in small bands, turning back teams and threatening to kill those who persisted in loading charcoal. Some dissidence over the dispute also occurred in the militia ranks. At least one officer was relieved of duty and arrested for insubordination for drinking with Modoc Sam and Charcoal Bill, two violent thirty-cent-a-bushel men.

Polarization also hit the Italian community, as a series of letters in the *Eureka Sentinel* from a man called "Verities" revealed. He wrote that the goal of the burners was not so much the price of charcoal as it was the abolition of all contracts with middlemen, whom he contended were cheating the burners. He said the burners wanted the right to deliver the fuel directly to the smelters.

On August 18, 1879, a posse of nine men under deputy J.B. Simpson attacked a coal pit on Fish Creek, twenty miles south of Eureka. A one-sided battle ensued. Five Italian coal burners were killed, six were seriously wounded, miles south of Eureka. A one-sided battle ensued Five Italian coal burners were killed, six were seriously wounded, and several others were captured The lawmen suffered no injuries, but their tactics drew criticism.

Numerous versions of the incident appeared, and most Nevada newspapers justified the lawmen's actions. One exception, the *Gold Hill Daily News* theorized that, because none of the officers were wounded, the Italians were probably unarmed and had had no intention of precipitating violence. The newspaper contended that the officers probably fired into

an unarmed group or attacked from ambush. The episode became known alternately as the Fish Creek War, Charcoal War, Coal Burner's War, or Nevada's Italian War.

The militia did not become directly involved in the incident, as they were only to assist civil authorities if they lost control of the situation. The militia remained on special alert until August 22. Militia commander General G.M. Sabine found time to throw a party on August 19, and his men enjoyed a keg of fresh lager and a box of fine Havana cigars. During the entire episode, the state incurred only a small fee for transporting arms and ammunition and a bill for $344.50 for food for the militia. Governor Kinkead seemed uninterested in the whole affair and made little mention of it; General Sabine was commended for his involvement.

On August 21, a coroner's jury ruled that the men killed at Fish Creek had died from shots the possemen fired in discharge of legal duty. Italians were unhappy with the verdict, which left many questions unanswered. Most importantly, they questioned whether the men who did the shooting had the legal authority to do so—many teamsters accompanying the lawmen had not been deputized.

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On September 5 a grand jury dismissed perjury, rioting, and conspiracy charges against the Italians. Charges of murder against the lawmen involved in the Fish Creek affair were also dismissed. Interest in the whole matter died quickly.

Whether the burners were able to raise the price of charcoal is unclear. The depletion of accessible wood for the charcoal led to the industry's own demise in the 1880s. Smelters converted to coke, a type of coal with gases removed through heating. The conversion came gradually, though, and the woodcutters and charcoal burners moved on to other jobs. The Eureka Mining District began to decline in the 1880s and 1890s, and the large beehive kilns became obsolete, except as temporary shelter for desert travelers or animals

Today, many of the beehive charcoal kilns are still intact in the mountains of Nevada; descendants of some of the burners also still live in Eureka. Both are reminders of the importance of charcoal production to the Nevada mining industry in the late nineteenth century

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The barren land around Eureka, Nevada, in 1878 testifies to the charcoal burners' need for wood

Death at Ca

By CHRIS BURCHFIELD

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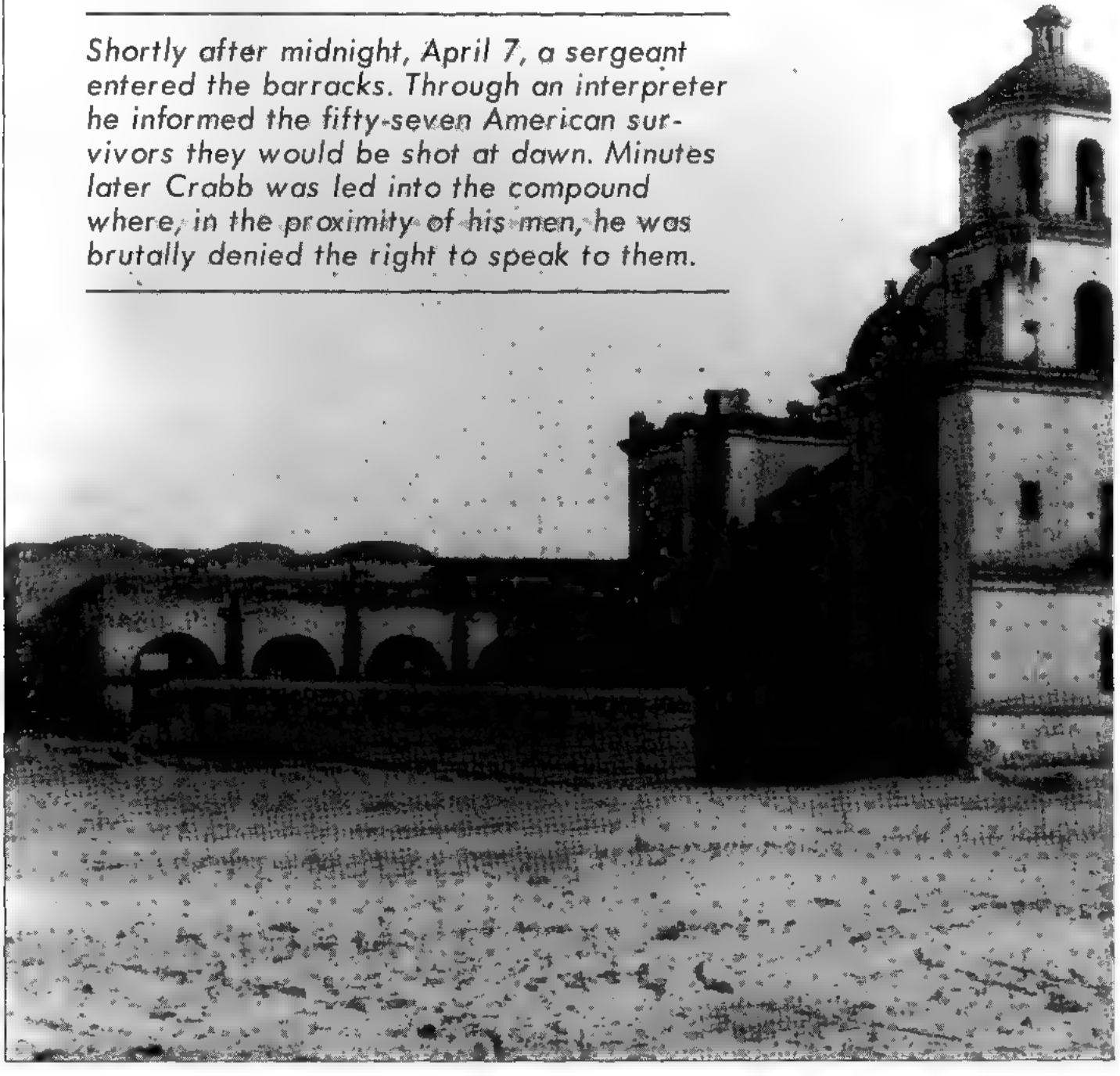

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Situated just across the Arizona border, the state of Sonora, Mexico, was, in the 1850s, a wild land where Apaches roamed and where mountains and valleys were as yet unnamed. The country was also a prime target for American filibusters; it attracted hundreds of adventurers with dreams of opening its long-abandoned gold and silver mines. Among those whom Sonora lured across the border was Henry Alexander Crabb.

Crabb was a former Tennessee planter who went to California after the discovery of gold. He settled in Stockton, where he won the office of city attorney. The following year he won a seat in the state senate. Both in Stockton and at the state capitol Crabb proved immensely popular among his fellow settlers. A tall, dark-eyed man of courtly bearing, his relaxed manner, generosity, and good judgment drew many settlers to his circle. Their mistaken trust in his judgment led many of them to an early grave.

In 1853 Crabb married Filomena Ainsa, daughter of Captain Augustin Ainsa, a prominent Sonora Spaniard. The Ainsa family had once been wealthy, but over the years frittered away much of their wealth by betting on the wrong side of several Sonoran revolutions. In the fall of 1855 while visiting his father-in-law in Altar, Sonora, Crabb met Ignacio Pesquiera, who was leading a revolution against Sonora's Mexico City-appointed governor, Gandora. Captain Ainsa, hoping to recoup his family's fortunes, had aligned himself with Pesquiera.

Crabb impressed Pesquiera, who offered him –and any other Americans willing to fight Gandora and the Apaches—settlement rights in Sonora. Though he never made the pledge on paper, Pesquiera promised 160 acres of land and a role in developing the state's gold and silver mines to every American Crabb recruited.

Pesquiera's revolution was going well, but he said he would appreciate any help Crabb might offer. Crabb accepted Pesquiera's proposal. But haunted by failures of filibusters Rousott Boulbon, who was executed in Sonora; William Walker, whom Mexican forces drove out of Sonora; and others who had entangled themselves in Sonora politics, he dropped the plan after returning to California

The following March he returned to Altar for the wedding of his brother-in-law, Jesus Ainsa. While there, at Captain Ainsa's urging, Crabb again conferred with Pesquiera. Once more the revolutionary promised the American mining and settlement rights if he would help overthrow Gandora. Now determined to deliver on his promise, Crabb returned to California to confer with friends and relatives.

Among those with whom he spoke was state senator John D. Cosby of Siskiyou County. Because Crabb had no military background, he accepted Cosby's offer to act as the expedition's strategist. Cosby's gift for fast talk

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Granville Ouray

rivaled P.T. Barnum's; as he doubtless explained to Crabb, he had just returned from an Indian War in northern California where he had led 800 volunteers to victory against Rogue River Indians. Cosby assured Crabb that if Crabb offered enough inducements, Cosby personally could raise a force of 500 battle-hardened veterans for the Sonora expedition. Months would pass before anyone learned that Cosby had led fewer than 200 men and that he had failed to engage the main body of Rogue River Indians. Such was the man with whom Crabb dealt. How much money he passed Cosby is unknown but it appears to have been, relatively speaking, a small fortune.

Crabb set up his own recruiting office in Sacramento and, with a party of Arizona settlers under Granville Ouray, formed a company called "The American and Arizona Mining and Immigration Party." Over the next eight months he enlisted over 200 potential settlers, almost half of them Sonoran exiles who had earlier fled Gandara's rule.

But Crabb's earlier hesitation had cost him stature and time south of the Mexican border. By July 1856 Pesquiera had defeated Gandara and earned Mexico City's recognition as Sonora's military governor. Apaches remained a menace, but Pesquiera had partially accomplished his objective without any help from Crabb. Content with his office, he dropped plans for Sonoran independence.

That month 100 expatriate Sonorans left Los Angeles for Sonora where Pesquiera was said to be waiting to greet them. Six long months passed before Crabb learned that the Sonorans had been formally welcomed and settled near Altar. On the strength of that report, and on Cosby's pledge that 500 northern California volunteers would soon depart Crescent City for the Sonora coast, Crabb left Sacramento for Altar. He crossed the San Joaquin Valley by prairie schooner with a small detachment, arriving at El Monte, a settlement east of Los Angeles. There he awaited the balance of his party that had proceeded down the coast by steamer. Following its arrival at El Monte, the expedition, down to ninety men, set out for Yuma, Arizona, on the Colorado River.

The party arrived at Yuma on March 4, after a tiring trek. An expedition member known only as "J.C." perhaps best defined the intentions of the men at that late date in a letter he wrote. He noted that he expected little fighting in Sonora, other than perhaps against Apaches. He was anxious to begin prospecting but was not disposed to encourage more Americans to follow.

As Crabb struck out across the desert toward Sonoita, 115 miles to the east, he was unaware that Pesquiera was quietly tracking his movements. Mexico City had warned the governor that if any proof surfaced linking his revolution to Americans he would be impeached—or more likely shot. Crabb had become not just an embarrassment to Pesquiera but a threat to his life.

Nor was Crabb aware of yet a second betrayal. A district judge named Peters had just returned to Sacramento and announced that in his travels in northern California he had not found anyone who was aware of the Crabb-Cosby expedition. As Cosby scurried off to Siskiyou County for the last time, Crabb's friends sent a rider known only as Cook to the Colorado River crossing

By then it was too late.

Forty-five miles up the Gila River Crabb turned south, as two of his most seasoned captains, Robert N. Wood and Charles Tozer headed for Tubac, Arizona, to inform Granville Ouray that Crabb's party was on its way to Altar. By then four members of the expedition had become too ill to travel. Three days later, at Tule Tank, just north of the Mexican border, Crabb left the four with Captain Freeman McKinney and sixteen others with orders to follow as soon as possible.

On March 23, Crabb and his remaining sixty-nine men arrived at Sonoita, just south of the Arizona-Sonora border, short of food and water. They had abandoned most of their baggage and animals on the trail, other than a single mule-drawn wagon, all were on foot.

From Sonoita Crabb sent a runner to Altar to inform the prefect he was crossing the border by request, and that his men were armed only for defense against Indians. To his astonishment, the prefect wrote back that he would meet a hostile reception in Altar. He also enclosed a proclamation that Pesquiera had just issued, urging all Sonorans to rise against American invaders.

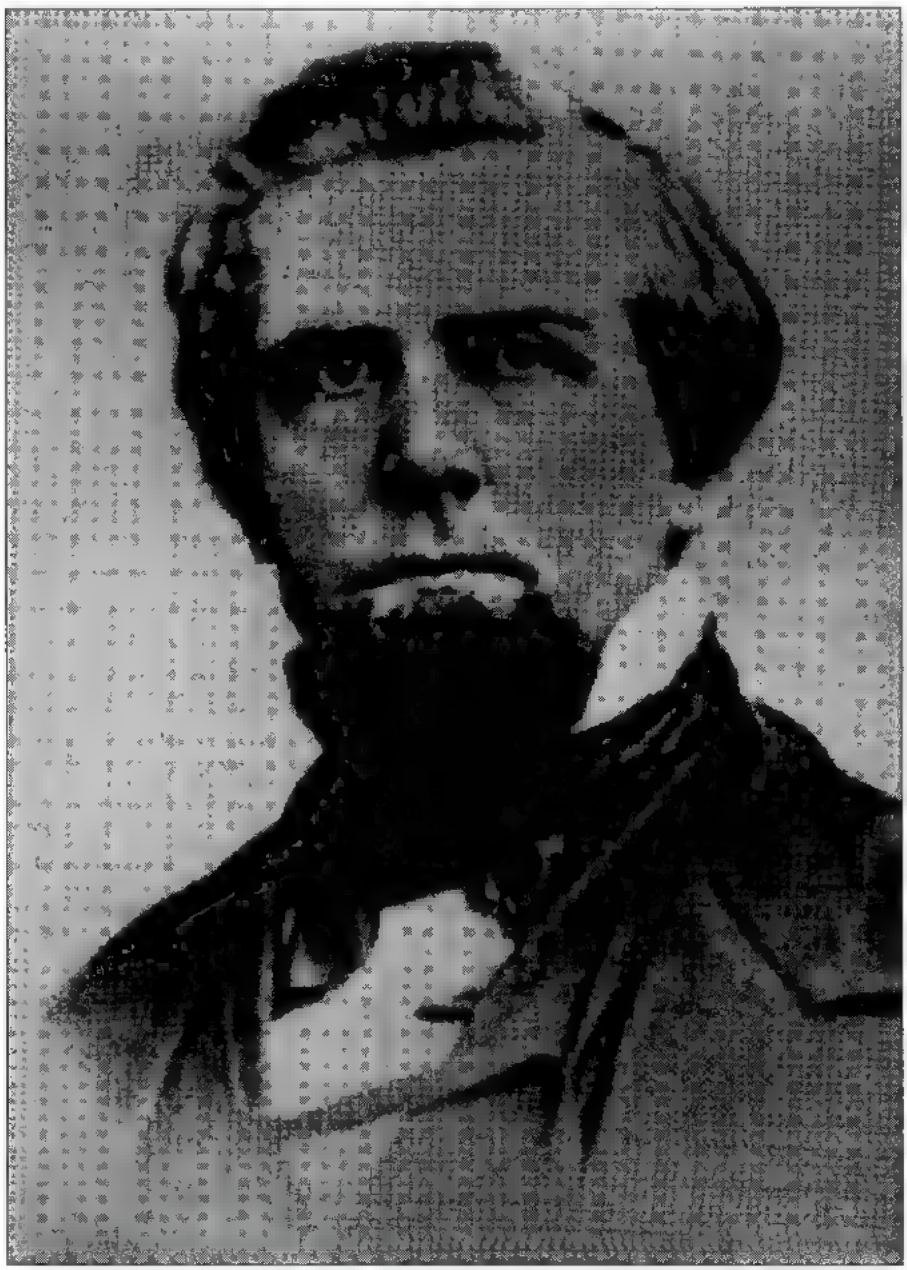
Crabb could not believe the declaration. Deciding there was a mistake, and that if he encountered resistance it would be weak, he informed the prefect he was proceeding as planned. Having led his men that far after fifteen months of dawdling, and certain that Cosby's landing on the Sonora coast was imminent, Crabb could not have done otherwise without losing face.

As Crabb's party trudged up the cactus-studded Ascunsion Valley toward Caborca, a village some thirty miles from Altar, unknown to them 300 Mexican soldiers under a General Rodriquez hurried north to meet them. On the morning of April 1, as the Americans approached Caborca, Rodriguez's forces opened fire from behind adobe walls. The Americans were surprised but recovered and returned the fire with great accuracy, killing many soldiers, including, apparently, Rodriquez himself. In their headlong rush toward Caborca's entrance, however, prompted by the ease with which they put the Mexicans to flight, the Americans crossed a 400-yard strip of barren land and came under heavy fire.

The plunge into Caborca proved deadly as Mexicans fired at Crabb's men from a church with a commanding view of the streets below. Civilians showered them with rocks as they charged down the main thoroughfare looking for cover. Amidst heavy fire, the Americans mistakenly took refuge inside a rambling, multi-room adobe with a thatched roof. There they counted their losses—five dead and many more wounded.

The hostility of the populace and the sudden realization they were trapped stunned many of Crabb's men. Hoping to regain their confidence and overawe the Mexicans, Crabb asked for volunteers to attack the Caborca church that afternoon. So shaken were his men that only fifteen stepped forward.

Several hours later Crabb and the fifteen volunteers crossed the plaza, entered a convent adjoining the church, and set a keg of gunpowder under the door leading into the church itself. The fuse failed to ignite, and moments later scores of Mexican soldiers charged into the convent. In a ferocious battle they drove the Americans out of the convent, across the plaza, and back into the adobe. Five Americans died and



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Henry Alexander Crabb

the rest, including Crabb, were wounded.

Still hopeful that food, water, and ammunition would last until Cosby and Ouray arrived, Crabb and his men held off 300 Mexican soldiers and Papago Indians for five days without additional loss. On several occasions the adobe's thatched roof was set afire, but each time the Americans extinguished the flames. Hoping to avoid provoking the Caborcans further, they fired few shots; but the damage had been done in the initial clashes when more than twenty-five Mexicans had died.

Finally, on the sixth day, 1,500 more Mexican soldiers arrived in Caborca, hauling two cannon. That afternoon soldiers trundled the cannon some distance opposite the adobe door, loaded them with lead chunks, and fired. The door took a furious pounding but miraculously withstood the bombardment.

Crabb's spirits rose when he learned that the fresh forces were under Hilario Gabilondo, a brother-in-law of Jesus Ainsa. An expedition member assured him that his ties to Gabilondo, however tenuous, would have meaning, and Crabb sent one of his men across the street to negotiate a peace. He did not return.

That evening a Papago Indian loosed a flaming arrow onto the adobe's thatched roof; in moments it roared into flames, showering the defenders with embers. Crabb, in a misguided attempt to extinguish the flames, tried to blow the roof off with gunpowder, but only succeeded in singeing several of his men.

By now his command was debating a charge into the street in a frantic hope of escaping in the melee. In yet another exercise of bad judgment, Crabb overruled them and sent another member of the party named Hine across the plaza to ask for surrender terms. Shortly after, shouting through the dark, Hine told the Americans if they surrendered they would be well treated.

At 11:00 p.m., amid much grumbling, the Americans stacked their weapons and, with Crabb leading, crossed the shadowy plaza to the church. Crabb was escorted into General Gabilondo's quarters while the men, with their hands bound, were led off to a nearby barracks.

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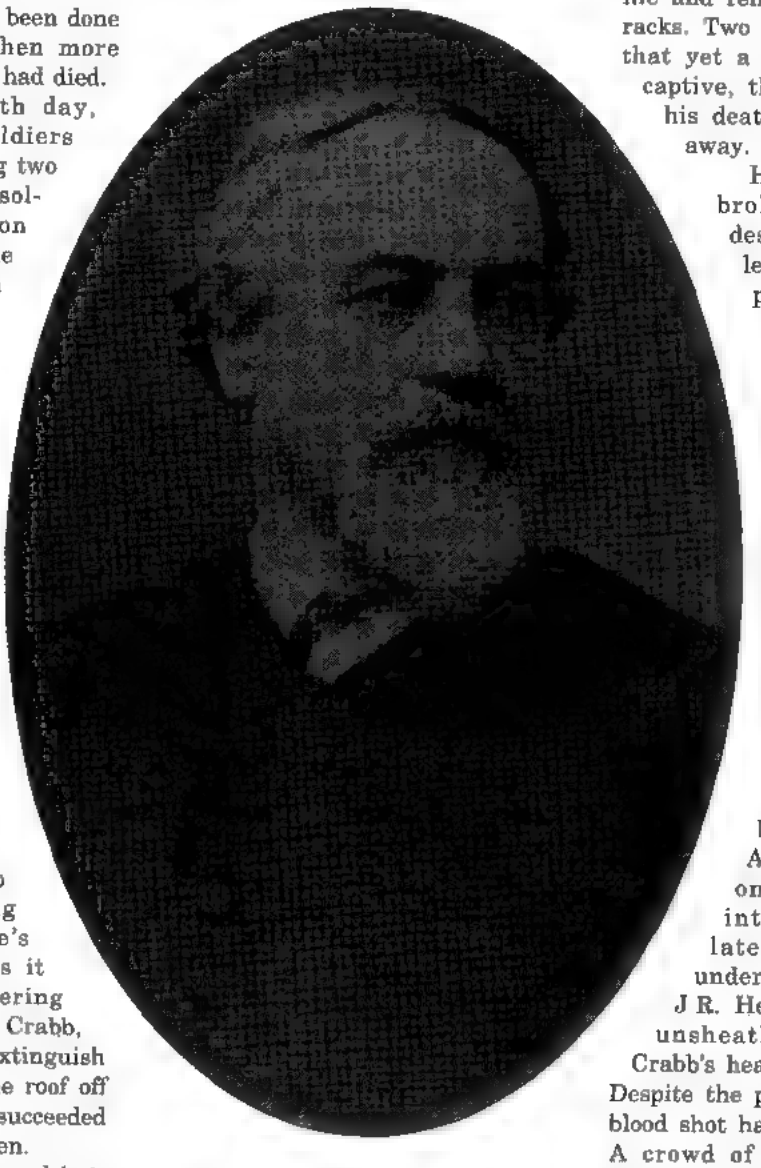

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Ignacio Pesquiera.

As the night passed, the Americans accepted their fate with bitterness and resignation. Crabb's embrace of the Ainsa family and his own wretched judgment had brought him to the brink of death, but most of his men had followed the wondrous call of gold and adventure there.

Among the expedition members were fifteen-year-old Charles Evans and an eighteen-year-old youth named Chapin. Thinking Chapin the youngest member of the expedition, the Mexicans decided to spare his life and removed him from the barracks. Two hours later, on learning that yet a younger American was captive, they returned Chapin to his death and led young Evans away.

Hours later, as dawn broke over the Sonoran desert, Crabb's men were led in fives and tens to a point adjacent to the Caborca cemetery. They were placed with their backs to their executioners, then an enormous firing squad mowed them down. Crabb, who had been forced to watch the massacre, was led back across the plaza with his hands tied above his head.

Directly in front of the tattered building he had chosen for a refuge, he was tied face first to a post, his back to his executioners. At the command of "fire," one hundred balls tore into his body. Moments later a Papago Indian, under the order of druggist J R. Hernandez, stepped over, unsheathed a knife, seized Crabb's head, and decapitated him. Despite the perforated body, a jet of blood shot halfway across the street. A crowd of villagers followed as Hernandez carried the head into Gabilondo's quarters and laid it on a table for display. Shortly thereafter, it was placed in a jar of vinegar for preservation

The Caborca massacre's only survivor, young Charles Evans, was whisked off to Hermosillo, where Pesquiera politely received him. He remained in Pesquiera's custody until his return to California on August 7, 1857

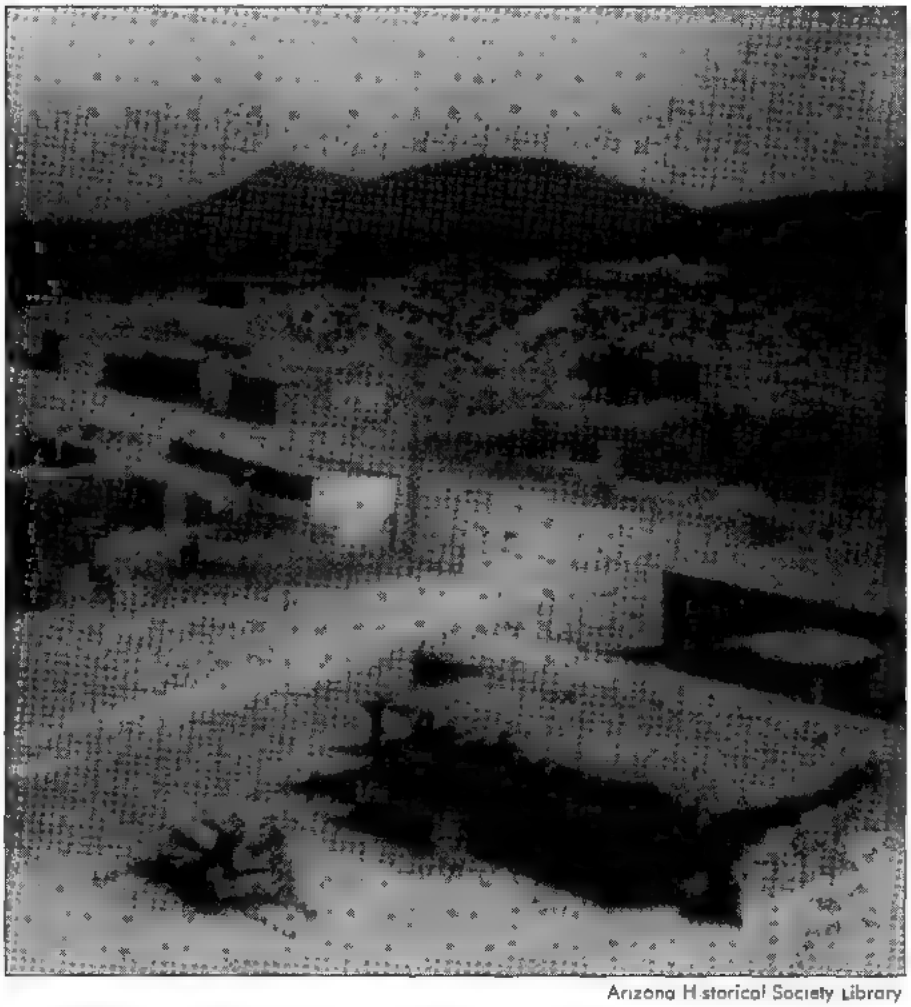
Several days after his arrival in Hermosillo, Evans was escorted back to Caborca and led to its cemetery. There he witnessed the sickening spectacle of his former comrades lying naked, rotting in the midday sun. Their bodies would remain in the sun fifteen more days, fattening the village hogs before being buried in a trench. One of the Caborcans then led Evans to an abandoned adobe. From within the villager emerged with Crabb's head in hand. The boy fled in terror. Some weeks later the head, in an advanced state of decomposition, was tossed into the desert on the road to Ures.

NO LESS TRAGIC was the fate of Freeman McKinney and his command. After leaving the four sick Americans at Edward Dunbar's store on the American side of the border, McKinney followed Crabb by about two days. Near Caborca several hundred Mexican soldiers surrounded him and his fifteen men and told them they would be well treated if they surrendered. McKinney and his men agreed to turn over their weapons; with hands bound, they were escorted to Caborca.

There, moments before his execution, McKinney recognized a Sonoran as one of his former neighbors in San Jose and asked if he planned to return. The Sonoran nodded affirmatively. Typifying the strong character of many of Crabb's followers, McKinney replied, "Tell them Freeman McKinney died game!" Moments later a volley mowed the men down.

The bloodletting was not over. Members of the same Mexican detachment rushed north, crossed the United States border, and burst into Dunbar's store while the owner was absent. They dragged the four disabled Americans outside, tied them to posts, shot them, and left them to rot in the sun. Soon several Papago Indians cut the bodies down and buried them. A fifth occupant of the building, none other than Jesus Amsa, was carried off to Hermosillo, imprisoned, and tortured. He was released some months later at the urging of the United States government

Two days before the Caborca massacre, thirty-five well mounted Arizonans under Granville Ouray and Robert Wood left the Sapori Mine near Tubac for Caborca Halfway there, amid a dense forest of mesquite, 300 Mexicans approached and told them that Crabb was trapped inside Caborca. If they surrendered they could return to Arizona unharmed.



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Caborca, Mexico.

Ouray and Wood decided to fight. Minutes later the Mexicans opened fire and the Americans returned fire with devastating effect. By evening they had routed the Mexicans without a single casualty. Ouray's men rode on.

The next morning, after reconnoitering within 800 yards of Caborca, they determined Crabb's men could not be saved; many criticized Crabb for leading his men into such a trap. Sadly, they turned toward Tubac. The following day about seventy Mexican lancers attacked them, killing three Americans. The same evening the Americans repulsed another attack before crossing into Arizona.

Reaction in California to the Crabb massacre was horror. Tuolumne County, home to almost half of the victims, went into mourning. Hundreds swore vengeance on Pesquiera and threatened to invade Sonora. Mexican miners were run off their claims in several locations. United States government reaction, on the other hand, was muted. Tempered by the enormous acquisition of land in the recent Mexican War, American response was largely confined to the killings at Dunbar's store on the American side of the border.

Little is known of John D. Cosby after the Crabb massacre. In answering the occasional rude question, he may have explained that Crabb's fifteen months of indecision were the source of his own uncertainty. In an era when memories were short and a man's glibness worth its weight in gold, he resumed a successful law practice in Yreka. He died in May 1861 in a carriage accident.

A Bridge Over the CHISOLM TRAIL

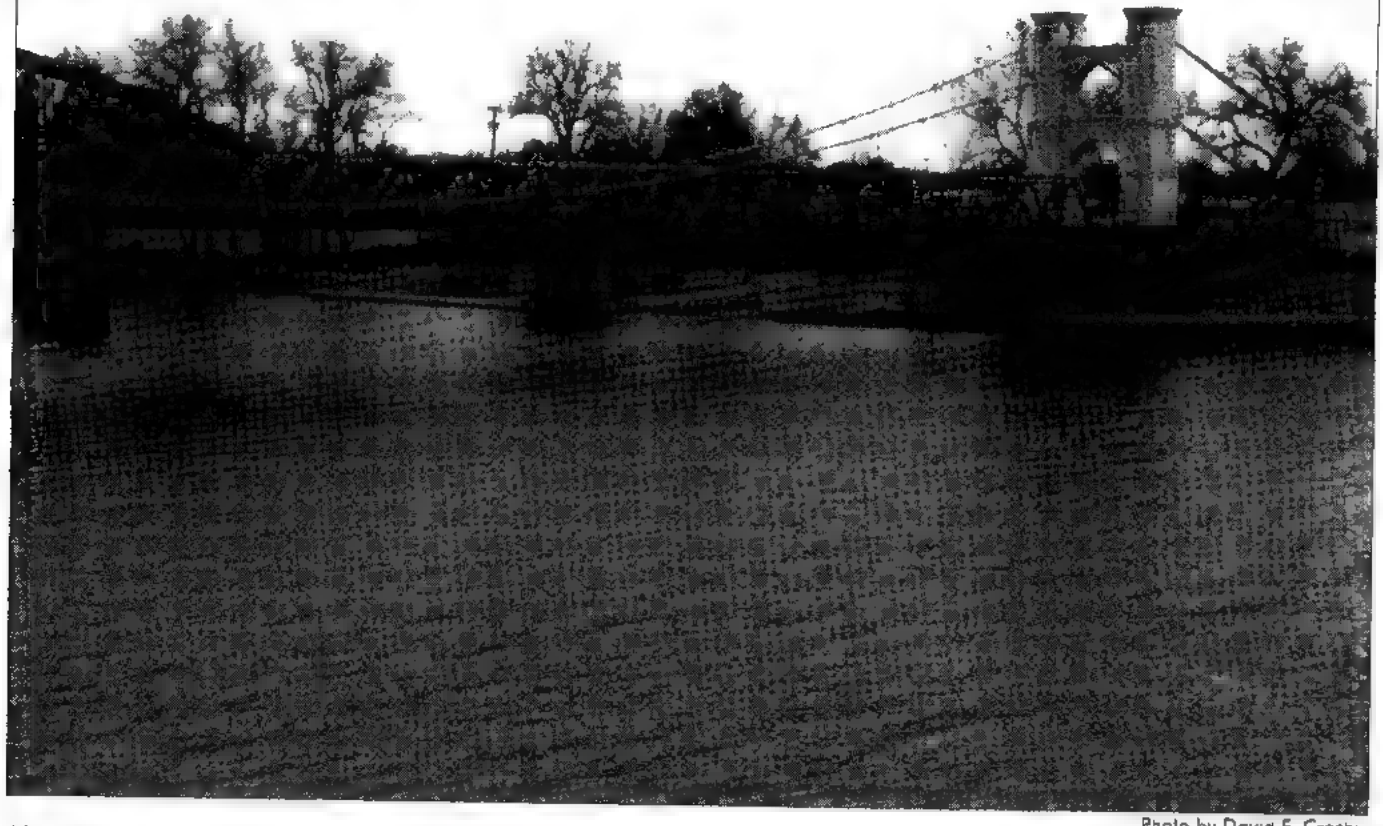
By DAVID F. CROSBY

In 1866, when one of the early cattle drives was fording the flood-prone Brazos River at Waco, Texas, the chuck wagon overturned and floated downstream like a bobbing corpse. The Brazos River, with its steep banks, fast current, and quicksand bottom, had claimed another victim.

The only dry crossing of the Brazos at the time was a wooden barge ferry operated by the Indian fighter, Shapley Ross. But when the river was high his ferry shut down, often for days at a time. If the flooding were serious, the ferry might not run for weeks at a time.

The high river trapped trail bosses driving herds up the Shawnee Trail and, after 1868, the Chisholm Trail. It also stopped ox-carts filled

The Waco Bridge Company faced the battle of building a bridge in the heartland of Texas without skilled labor, machinery, local factories, or a railroad, and completing it in time to profit from cattle drives headed north.



The Waco suspension bridge stretching across the Brazos River.

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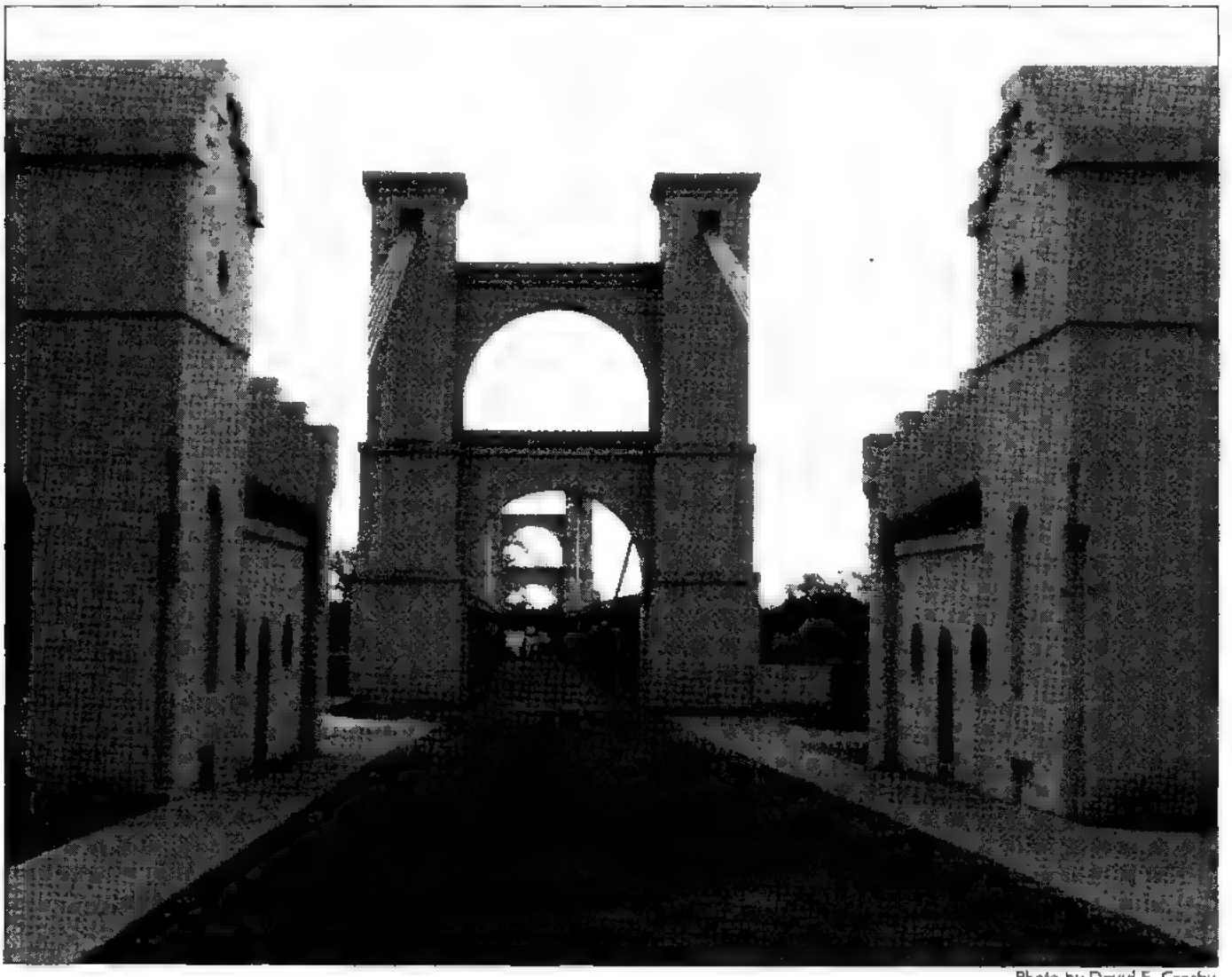

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The entrance to the historic Waco suspension bridge. The toll keeper booths stand before the bridge itself.

with badly needed supplies for the physically isolated community.

At about the same time that the chuck wagon drowned in the Brazos, Joseph W. Speight, a forty-one-year-old ex-Confederate colonel with the strategic eye of a military man, recognized an economic opportunity in the river barrier, but the logistics of building a bridge appeared insurmountable. The Reconstruction government intended to punish ex-Confederates, not assist them in building business enterprises; capital was practically nonexistent; no local industrial plants produced the types of materials that Speight would need to construct a bridge; and the nearest railroad was over a hundred miles away.

Speight entered discussions with J B. Earle, Henry M. Hood, A.J. Buchanan, Oscar J. Downs, and J.E. Burney, fellow Confederate veterans and Freemasons, to overcome the problems. If they could obtain a government charter (a government guaranteed monopoly) to build the bridge, then they could secure the financing they needed through a public offering. Investors would be confident of a profit on their investment. The investors' money would, in turn, buy the minds and muscles needed to solve the logistical problems.

That same year, the small band of Confederate businessmen formed the Waco Bridge Company and petitioned the Texas legislature for a charter to build a toll bridge across the Brazos. George Burney generaled their political battle. A career legislator from the Waco area, he secured a twenty-five year charter, dated November 1, 1866, from the legislature.

In 1868, the Waco Bridge Company finally landed enough investors to finance the project. Fifty-one new investors bought into the company. Among them, not surprisingly, was Richard Coke, the shrewd politician who several years later would become governor of the state.

The strategic fight won, the company faced a different type of battle-building a bridge in the heartland of Texas without skilled labor, machinery, local factories, or a railroad, and completing it in time to profit from cattle drives headed north. They needed a great tactical leader, a man who could lead men and move material to accomplish the task.

On May 8, 1868, the controlling shareholders held an election in the banking office of Colonel John T. Flint to select company officers. Colonel Speight, then company president, was quickly renominated.

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Richard Coke, however, had his eye on Colonel Flint, an Austin lawyer who had moved to Waco and established a profitable bank through sheer drive. A secret ballot was held and Coke's support for Flint proved Speight's end. Flint, a hard driving ex-Confederate who always hung a photograph of Robert E. Lee in his office to remind him of the traits required of a leader, won the position of company president.

Flint immediately traveled to New York City, taking a room in the Metropolitan Hotel, to study bridge types and hire an engineer. He chose innovation over conventional technology and selected the design for a new cable suspension bridge. He hired Thomas Griffith to head the project; Griffith was a civil engineer familiar with the suspension design the John A. Roebling and Sons Company used. Then he purchased from a New Jersey company the steel trusses and massive wire cables the bridge would require and ordered them shipped to Galveston, Texas.

Griffith estimated that the project would cost $50,000 to complete, but he had not anticipated all the logistical problems he would have to overcome. The trusses and cables were shipped along with other special construction material by train from Galveston to Millican, Texas (near present-day Bryan); they then went via ox-cart one hundred miles to the bridge site. Shipping bricks over so cumbersome a transportation system was not practical. A townsman built a kiln to meet the demand, and over 2.5 million bricks were manufactured locally.

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The bridge was completed in late December 1869 with a healthy whiskey ration for the bridge hands. It officially opened with champagne and speeches on January 6, 1870. The *Waco Register* wrote of the event, "In a community isolated, thinly populated, without railroads or telegraphs, close on the border of a hostile frontier, just after a devastating war, with no surplus capital, this great monument of internal improvement is reared." The whole town celebrated the completion of the bridge, but they really celebrated the commerce they hoped it would bring.

Flint built cattle pens and a stone watering fountain on the west bank of the bridge to control cattle as they waited to cross the bridge. Cattlemen could cross only a few head at a time, after paying a toll of five cents per head. With each trail boss pushing an average of 2,000 head, they were the first people to balk at the toll.

Many trail bosses spit at the toll, except when the river was high, choosing instead to enter the Brazos at Goode Ford and exit at Norris Ford as they had before the bridge was built. Flint, not to be outmaneuvered, asked Judge R.N. Goode and James M. Norris to close their fords. When the landowners refused to cooperate, the bridge owners bought the land between the fords and built a wall of tall cedar poles along the bank, supposedly to shore up the bank and stop erosion. In reality, when the cattle entered the river at the Goode ford, the current carried them downstream to the Norris ford; the poles, along with the fast current, would trap the cattle in the river to be swept downstream. The trail bosses reluctantly paid their tolls, but immediately began to call for a free bridge.

The bridge owners' bank accounts grew, as did Waco's fortunes. By 1876

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there were a 103-bed hotel, two foundries, two flour mills, an ice factory, five newspapers, over 158 businesses, and an infamous red-light district known as the "Reservation." With all the business activity coming in and out of Waco, the citizens began to call for a repeal of the irksome bridge toll. The bridge owners refused to relent, charging tolls even on Sunday. The only exemptions were newspapermen, ministers, and policemen on official business. The *Waco Trade Review* recorded the citizens' feelings, saying, "Talk about bondage, slavery, the yoke, tyranny, or any gross usurpation of civil right, but this cursed bridge theft is the most despised and damnable of all injustices. Think of charging a poor man twenty-five cents to drive his buggy across the Brazos River and twenty-five cents to return. Great God!" Flint would fight the toll's repeal with the same tenacity he showed during the bridge's construction.

WHEN McCLENNAN County and Waco tried to construct their own bridge, the Waco Bridge Company took legal action to stop them. Legal warfare killed three free bridge contracts by the local government and delayed the completion of a free bridge for fifteen years. When the Texas supreme court finally ruled that the Waco Bridge Company could not legally monopolize river access, the bridge owners sold the bridge in 1889 to McClennan County for $75,000. The county then sold the bridge to Waco for one dollar. The Washington Avenue Bridge, construction of which had been halted three times and completion delayed fifteen years, was finished on July 10, 1902, at a cost of $99,600, giving the people of Waco two free bridges.

The 475-foot-long Waco suspension bridge, the first bridge across the Brazos River, operated as a private toll bridge for twenty years and as a public bridge until 1971, when it was finally closed to vehicular traffic. The bridge was placed on the National Register of Historical Sites in July 1970. Today the bridge is still open to pedestrian traffic and is part of the Waco park system. It stretches across the Brazos, its wood-planked roadway nicked and gouged from the boots and hooves of history—a living monument to the legacy of the West.

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Dr. Bernard Daly

BY JAN HOLDEN

Lakeview, Oregon, was not unlike many western towns in 1887. The village was rudely built and held together by the tough pioneer spirit of its 300 inhabitants. Because Lakeview was more than 150 acres from the nearest railroad, self-reliance was the first rule of survival, and Lakeview had everything it needed to be completely self-reliant except a doctor. Thus it was a providential day in 1887 when Dr. Bernard Daly rode into town.

Dr. Daly settled into Lakeview and devoted thirty years to upholding his Hippocratic oath. While he won respect as a good doctor, statesman, and community leader, his last will and testament left Lake County with an ongoing gift for the education of its children.

Daly was born in southern Ireland, February 17, 1858. His family arrived in America five years later and settled in Alabama, where the boy received his first schooling. Always a hard worker, he decided early that he wanted to become a doctor.

Daly saved his money and was was able to enroll at Ohio Northern University. He then entered medical school at Louisville, Kentucky, where he graduated in 1886. Upon completion of his studies, Daly made his way west to California. There he received his medical license in 1887.

The young doctor decided not to stay in California but to go north to Oregon. He arrived in Lakeview with all his worldly possessions in his saddlebags, and no family or friends. Dr. Daly immediately secured a room at Lakeview House, a popular hostelry of the day, and word spread through town that Lake County at last had a physician.

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Doctors at that time in the sparsely settled regions of Oregon usually charged their regular fee for services, plus one dollar per mile for travel. Of course, if the patient could not pay the bill, the doctor still delivered his services, accepting as pay whatever the patient could afford.

One of Daly's toughest challenges as a physician came on Christmas Eve 1894. That night a disastrous fire erupted in the small town of Silver Lake, one hundred miles north of Lakeview. The disaster, considered one of the worst in Oregon's history, occurred during a Christmas program at the fellowship hall above a general store.

The hall was crowded, and when a young man climbed atop a wooden bench at the rear of the room to get a better view, his head struck a low-hanging kerosene lamp, knocking it to the dry pine board floor below. The lamp burst into flames and people ran toward the nearest door. Had they not panicked, perhaps someone could have smothered the fire. Instead, the frenzied crowd sent another lamp plunging to the floor, igniting a huge, gift-laden Christmas tree and setting a little girl's dress aflame. The crowd became so terrified that nothing could be done to herd them out of the building. A group at a door at the rear of the building was so frozen with fear that they literally cut off their own escape route.

Schminck Museum, Lakeview

Lakeview after a fire in 1900. The fire prompted Dr. Daly to press for a town water system.

Because Dr. Thompson, Silver Lake's practicing physician, had departed town several hours earlier to spend the holiday with relatives, a courier went to Lakeview hoping to reach Dr. Daly. Within an hour Dr. Daly had packed his medical bag and hitched the fastest team that Lakeview afforded, a pair called Tom and Jerry. He left Lakeview at 4:00 p.m.; the thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero. Part way through the journey, Dr. Daly retired Tom and Jerry for fresh horses. He retired a second pair at Summer Lake, Oregon, and at 6:00 a.m. arrived at the stricken community of Silver Lake. The place was somber; hardly a family had escaped injury to or loss of at least one of its members.

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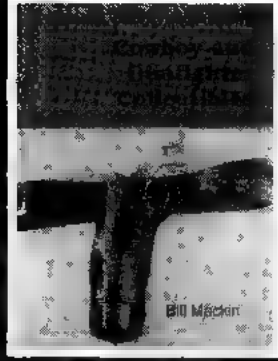

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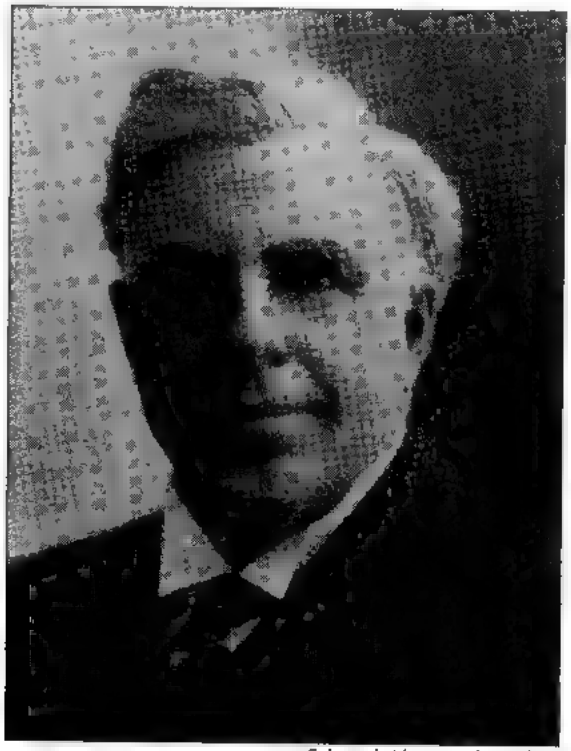

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Dr. Daly later in life while serving on the Lakeview school board,1886.

many were beyond help. The Silver Lake fire claimed forty lives, about one-fourth of the community. Many of the bodies were unidentifiable, so a large coffin was constructed and the dead were buried in a common grave.

Dr. Daly quickly trained some of the survivors and formed them into a competent nursing team which helped burn victims recover Housewives donated sheets and pillow cases for dressings until every scrap of household cloth was gone. Months later, after the winter snows vanished, freight wagons from the Willamette Valley were finally able to get through with a fresh supply of linens for Silver Lake.

Back in Lakeview, Dr. Daly was something of a hero. Yet at the same time, few of his neighbors actually knew him well. Though always cordial, Daly maintained a certain distance and declared that he could not fit a marriage into his already busy and physically taxing lifestyle. Though he never became a father, he certainly played a major role bringing new life into the world.

Basically a frugal man, Dr. Daly did purchase himself a fine team of matched black horses. He had one of the blacks saddle-broken for use when inclement weather made buggy travel impossible. He built a fine stable and generally spared no expense when it came to caring for his prized team.

As the years went by, Lakeview changed. Dr. Daly was enthusiastic about the changes and perhaps more involved in them than anyone else in Lakeview. When the city was incorporated in 1889, Daly became a member of the first city council. In 1892, he entered politics. Running as a Democrat, he won a seat in the Oregon house of representatives that year, and was elected to the senate in 1896.

Daly traveled between Lakeview and the capitol in Salem in a horse-drawn stage. The two-week commute was arduous, but during his years as a statesman Dr. Daly was instrumental in securing passage of progressive and constructive legislation.

When Dr. Daly resumed life at Lakeview, he also resumed an intense interest in the town's business activities. He became one of the founders of the Bank of Lakeview and served as bank president for several years. It seemed natural to make the doctor its head, as a great many residents—mainly ranchers and businessmen—had already borrowed funds from the physician at modest interest rates. The bank, which began operation in Dr. Daly's medical office, was later moved to an impressive brick building and was hailed the "strongest bank south of Salem."

On May 22, 1900, a fire swept through downtown Lakeview, wiping out all but two buildings in the business district. The loss was about $250,000. Though no one died, many residents became ill in their futile attempts to corral the blaze. Dr. Daly lost his house and stable, valued at $4,000.

Dr. Daly contended that the devastation could have been prevented had the town had an adequate city water system. Unfortunately the town did not have the money to secure the necessary iron for a pipeline. With the nearest railway shipping point more than 150 miles away, the cost of supplies for the line also would have been exorbitant

Again, Dr. Daly proved himself a champion by devising a plan to hollow out pine logs to convey water from the mountain springs above town. The system proved its practicality and worth in 1902 when another fire ignited. That time, thanks to the pine pipes, water was plentiful and the blaze was quickly under control.

In 1908, at the age of fifty, Dr. Daly began to study law. Though still active in medicine, he was admitted to the Oregon bar in 1914 and was appointed first circuit judge of Lake County that same year. He served in that capacity until 1917.

Throughout his years as Lakeview's leading citizen, Dr. Daly participated in nearly every aspect of community service. Always looking ahead, he had a keen interest in the education of Lake County's young people. He served twenty-six years on the Lakeview school board and thought that no child with ambition should be deprived of a good education due to lack of funds.

DR. DALY was not so concerned about the school building as he was with the quality of its teachers. When one schoolmarm sought out the doctor to discuss replacing some broken glass in the big four-room schoolhouse, Daly replied, in his most dignified manner, "Miss Applegate, can't you stuff some paper into it?"

The town's physician had his detractors, however, and because he never seemed to care a great deal for new clothing, gossips often called him a tightwad. Yet Daly's frugality had a purpose—a purpose that would one day astound those who thought him cheap.

On January 5, 1920, Dr. Daly died, leaving $800,000 in a perpetual fund for the education of Lake County's youth. With the exception of a small bequest to a long-time lady friend, the bulk of Daly's estate was placed in a fund bearing his name. Its sole purpose was to give educational scholarships to worthy Lake County students. Historians do not call Bernard Daly a tightwad. They call him an unselfish man who left a lasting legacy to the state of Oregon.

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A Woman's View

The News from Brownsville: Helen Chapman's Letters from the Texas Military Frontier, 1848-1852, edited by Caleb Coker. (Texas State Historical Association, 2-306 Sid Richardson Hall, University Station, Austin, Texas 78712-1104. $34.95 cloth bound.)

This collection of well-written, readable, and interesting letters by a United States Army officer's wife in the lower Rio Grande Valley gives a close up picture of the transition of the Texas frontier from war to peace. Helen Chapman, a very perceptive observer, was also a prolific letter-writer; her letters are as detailed as if they composed a day-by-day journal. As the wife of Captain William Chapman, who was stationed at Matamoros during the Mexican War, then just across the Rio Grande at Fort Brown, Helen seemed to meet *everybody* and to know all the news of the Rio Grande Valley.

When the United States' army of occupation pulled out of Matamoros at the conclusion of the Mexican War, Captain Chapman was in charge not only of Fort Brown, but the jumping-off points of Brazos Santiago and Point Isabel. California-bound argonauts started over the Gila Trail from those places in 1849.

Helen Chapman was an intelligent, educated, and energetic New Englander who criticized Texas for its slavery, drunkenness, violence, and anti-Mexican bigotry. But her criticism was constructive rather than merely ranting. Oddly, the Chapmans feared transferral to California although they endured, like everyone else, subtropical Texas' malaria, yellow fever, dengue (or breakbone) fever, and the worst killer of all—cholera.

Coker's appendices enhance Mrs. Chapman's on-the-spot observations, which are nicely edited. One appendix contains mini-biographies of army officers and other people mentioned in the letters. The other is a selection of news stories from the *American Flag* and from New Orleans papers that flesh out accounts of bandits, storms, express riders, and Indian raids that Mrs. Chapman mentions. I recommend this book.—*Richard H. Dillon, Mill Valley, California.*

Law and Order

Desert Lawmen: The High Sheriffs of New Mexico and Arizona 1846-1912, by Larry D. Ball. (University of New Mexico Press, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87131-1591. $45.00 cloth bound.)

Popular fiction and folklore commonly portray the sheriff's role in western history as that of a relentless lawman pursuing outlaws or dealing with hardcases of some sort. In reality, that was a small, albeit exciting, part of the lawman's job. He also was saddled with the additional duties of tax assessor, tax collector, handyman, sanitation officer, process server, and in one instance, exorcist.

Larry Ball has produced another fine work on the lawmen of Arizona and New Mexico. Those familiar with his earlier work on the United States marshals of those territories will find *Desert Lawmen* a worthy companion. Ball thoroughly examines the office. Even though those early sheriffs confronted vast territories and problems, they pursued an often thankless existence to bring law to the West. Ball points out the difficulties which confronted them, not the least of which were hostile Apaches, and discusses their various roles in the development of New Mexico and Arizona between 1846 and 1912. Ball includes a complete list of sheriffs during that period.

While some readers may take issue with Ball's position on such controversial lawmen as William Brady, John Behan, Commodore Perry Owens, and Bob Paul, there can be little doubt that Ball has produced a thoroughly documented book. A gifted author, Ball provides an entertaining read for the general reader and a valuable resource for researchers and historians.

This reviewer has one criticism (and this is hardly the author's fault)—the book's price. While those interested in western history, particularly of the southwest, should not miss this book, many might. At forty-five dollars, the book might be beyond the reach of many readers. That would be unfortunate, for Ball is a highly talented storyteller and historian.—*Dave Johnson, Zionsville, Indiana.*

Life in the Silver State

Letters from the Nevada Frontier: Correspondence of Tasker L. Oddie, 1898–1902, edited by William A. Douglass and Robert A. Nylen. (University of Oklahoma Press, 1005 Asp Avenue, Norman, Oklahoma 73019. $37.95 cloth bound.)

It is a phenomenon of historical research that old journals, diaries, and letters—documents never intended for publication but which offer rare, unrehearsed, first-person glimpses into the past—continue to crop up. What could be more valuable than the recollections, inner thoughts, and observations of those who were there?

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He became a pivotal figure in the fabulous silver strike at Tonopah, doing so at a time when Nevada had just over 40,000 citizens and was in such economic decline there was talk of rescinding its statehood. Oddie took enough wealth from the strike that he could indulge in another endeavor—raising cattle.

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Along the way, Oddie became a true Westerner and a son of Nevada. Later Oddie became a state district attorney, governor, and, in 1920, senator. His family was in modest financial circumstances after the death of his father, but he was able to retire all the family debts and bring his mother and sisters to his adopted state.

Most of Oddie's voluminous correspondence was to his mother. It is sprightly and humorous and filled with details of friends and strangers met, mining lore, humorous incidents, civic and religious activities, fashions, and a feel of the stark Nevada landscape. He wrote circumspectly and did not hesitate to reveal some of his own flaws—he was writing mostly to his mother, after all, and she knew them as well as his strengths, which seem to have far outdistanced his weaknesses

The editors of this book have supplied a model introduction and exhaustive notes to this valuable and absorbing book of Nevada—and Western—history.—*Dale L. Walker, El Paso, Texas.*

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Here is another winner on Bisbee, Arizona, the old Phelps-Dodge mining town on the steep slopes of the Mule Mountains near the Mexican border. It follows Richard Shelton's *Going Back To Bisbee*, also from the University of Arizona Press, which won accolades and an award for its writing. There is nothing wrong with the writing in this book, by editor Schwantes, Clark Spence, and other specialists, but the text takes a back seat to one hundred or so historic photographs, some by Tombstone's C.S. Fly. The pictures make this an extra-illustrated photo-essay, depicting not only the obvious—mining—but also the trains, floods, fires, bands, dances, and rock-drilling contests that made up the fabric of life in the isolated town. Most of the photos are sharp and well-reproduced on coated stock.

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In June 1871, Ann Elizabeth Swartz married William Wilkerson Camp in Webster Parish, Louisiana. He was a widower with several children. By 1880 the Camps and James Henry Swartz were back in Ouachita County. Ann Elizabeth died there in 1892.

The 1860 census lists Camp in Bowie County, Texas, with his first family. Were the Swartzes there also? I believe the Camp children whom Elizabeth raised all moved to Texas from Ouachita County. The one child Ann Elizabeth had with William Camp, a daughter, Ida, lived in Ouachita County and married a man named Pearce. I would appreciate any information and will exchange information.—**Carolyn J. Cunningham, 3945 Blanton Road, Mill Spring, North Carolina 28756.**

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May 10, 1885, Ashland, Kansas

By BILL O'NEAL

Mysterious Dave Mather was the most noted participant in a fatal saloon fight in Ashland, Kansas, in 1885. Rumored to have been a descendant of colonial Massachusetts minister Cotton Mather, Mysterious Dave variously tried his hand as a prospector, buffalo hunter, gambler, horse thief, and train and stagecoach robber. He was slashed in the stomach during a Dodge City knife fight, reputedly killed a man at Mobeetie in the Texas panhandle, and because of his rugged reputation, he sometimes got jobs as a peace officer.

While serving as a constable in 1880 in Las Vegas, New Mexico, Mather tried to calm a saloon quarrel but found himself facing a revolver in the hands of railroad employee Joseph Castello. Constable Mather whipped out his own pistol and shot Castello in the left side. The slug tore through Castello's lung and stomach, then ranged down into his liver; he died several hours later.

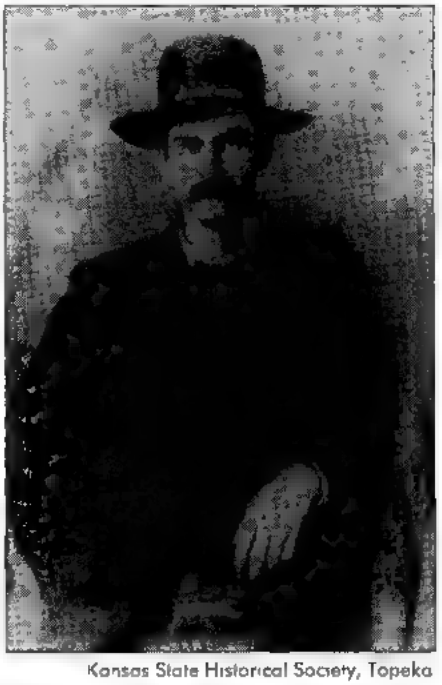
Four years later Tom Nixon replaced Mysterious Dave as assistant city marshal of Dodge City. The two men clashed, and on July 18, 1884, Nixon took a shot at Mather. Mysterious Dave was standing unarmed in the upstairs doorway of a saloon he ran, and the bullet plowed into the woodwork, spraying him with splinters. Sheriff Pat Sughrue appeared promptly and disarmed Nixon, who was forced to produce $800 bail.

Three nights later Nixon was standing near the spot where he had taken the potshot at Mather. Mysterious Dave came to the foot of the stairs and drew a Colt .42 revolver. "Tom," he whispered. "Oh, Tom."

Nixon turned around, and with no further warning Mysterious Dave fired.

"Oh," gasped Nixon, "I'm killed," and he collapsed face down.

Mather then walked toward his fallen adversary, methodically pumping three more slugs into his body. After passing through Nixon, one of the bullets somehow struck a cowboy bystander in the leg. Nixon died on the spot, and Mysterious Dave surrendered his gun to Sheriff Sughrue.



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Mysterious Dave Mather repeatedly generated violence during his years in the West.

"I ought to have killed him six months ago," remarked Mather. A few months later a jury concurred, delivering a not guilty verdict on the grounds "that Nixon was the aggressor in the affray and that Mather was justified in shooting."

Mather soon felt justified in shooting again. Mysterious Dave visited his brother, Josiah, who was a bartender at the Junction Saloon in Ashland, about forty miles south of Dodge City. On a busy Sunday evening, May 10, 1885, Mysterious Dave began playing seven-up for fifty

cents a game with a twenty-three-year-old grocer named David Barnes.

Barnes won the first game, Mather the second, and Barnes the third, whereupon Mysterious Dave threw the cards at Barnes and picked up all the money on the table.

"I want my money," protested Barnes.

His brother John backed him up,

Mysterious Dave came to the foot of the stairs and drew a Colt .42 revolver. "Tom," he whispered. "Oh, Tom."

stepping forward and declaring, "That man has some friends and he can't be robbed in such a manner."

Mysterious Dave shoved John and snarled, "What have you got to do with this?"

As Barnes stumbled backward, he went for his pistol. Sheriff Sughrue, an onlooker, shouted, "Here, that won't do," then pinned John's arms and finally managed to seize his gun.

In the meantime, David Barnes pulled a revolver and fired a shot which creased Mysterious Dave's skull and tore a hole in his hat. From behind the bar, Josiah Mather produced a weapon and began firing. According to several witnesses, so did Mysterious Dave. David Barnes was hit and went down, and Josiah Mather squeezed off three more rounds at the fallen man.

When the shooting stopped, bystanders John Wall and C. C. Camp had suffered leg wounds from stray bullets. Sughrue arrested the Mather brothers, who posted a $3,000 bond.

The trial was scheduled to take place in Dodge City in June, but the Mather brothers avoided court by forfeiting their bail and leaving the area. In August 1885 Mysterious Dave became city marshal of New Kiowa in Barber County, and the *Dodge City Times* commented that "Dave makes a good officer."

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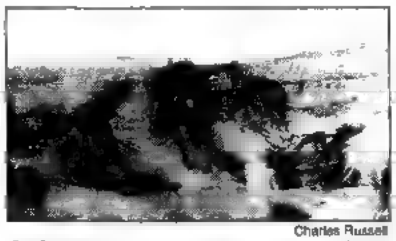

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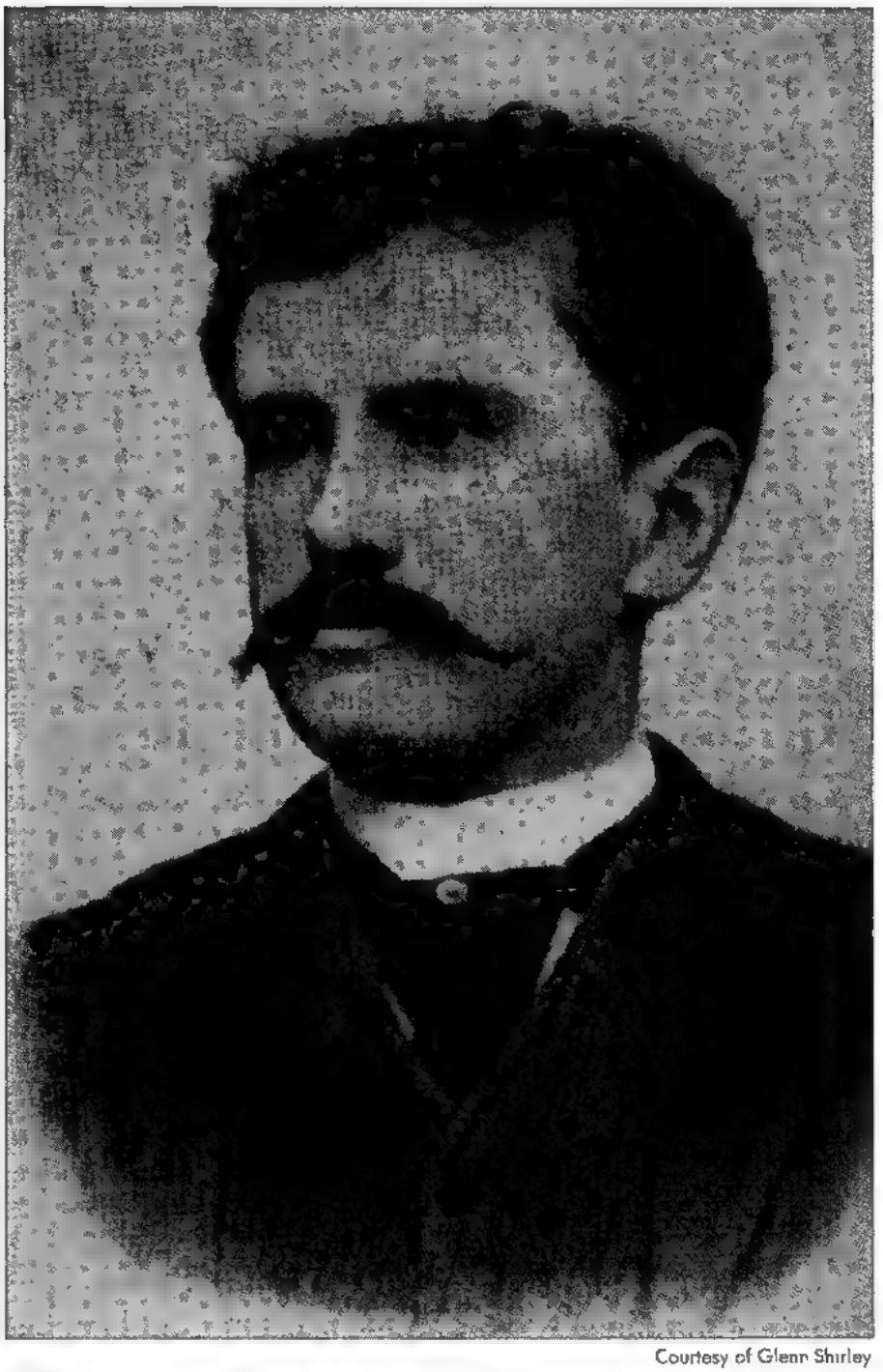

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William Sidney Porter, "O. Henry," at about the time he was a bank teller in Austin.

William Sidney Porter came West in 1882 for his health. Later, under the pen name of O. Henry, he would earn literary fame as America's most beloved short-story writer. But first came the great joys and sorrows of his life in Texas, for it was in the Lone Star State that he spent his most carefree and his most remorseful days

Porter left Greensboro, North Carolina, at the age of nineteen and moved to a ranch southwest of San Antonio owned by a friend of the Porter family. Within three months, "Will" spoke a fluent "cowpen Mexican."

After a couple of years on the ranch, Porter moved to Austin, joined the local militia, sang bass in the popular "Hill City Quartet," and played the guitar. He also appeared in several amateur theatrical productions

Also during his residence in Austin, Will Porter first used the pseudonym O. Henry. A friend had a family cat which Porter had named "Henry the Proud." The cat would come only when Porter called, "Oh, Henry." The name Henry alone failed to evoke any response from the pet. In the cat's behalf, Porter wrote a farcical essay from a feline point of view and signed it, "O. Henry." He continued to use the pen name from that time.

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Porter eloped with a local girl,

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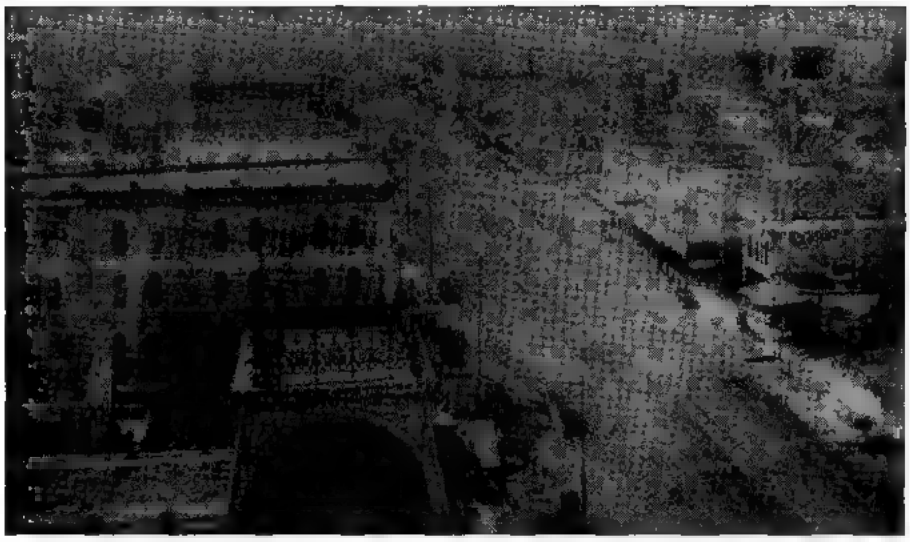

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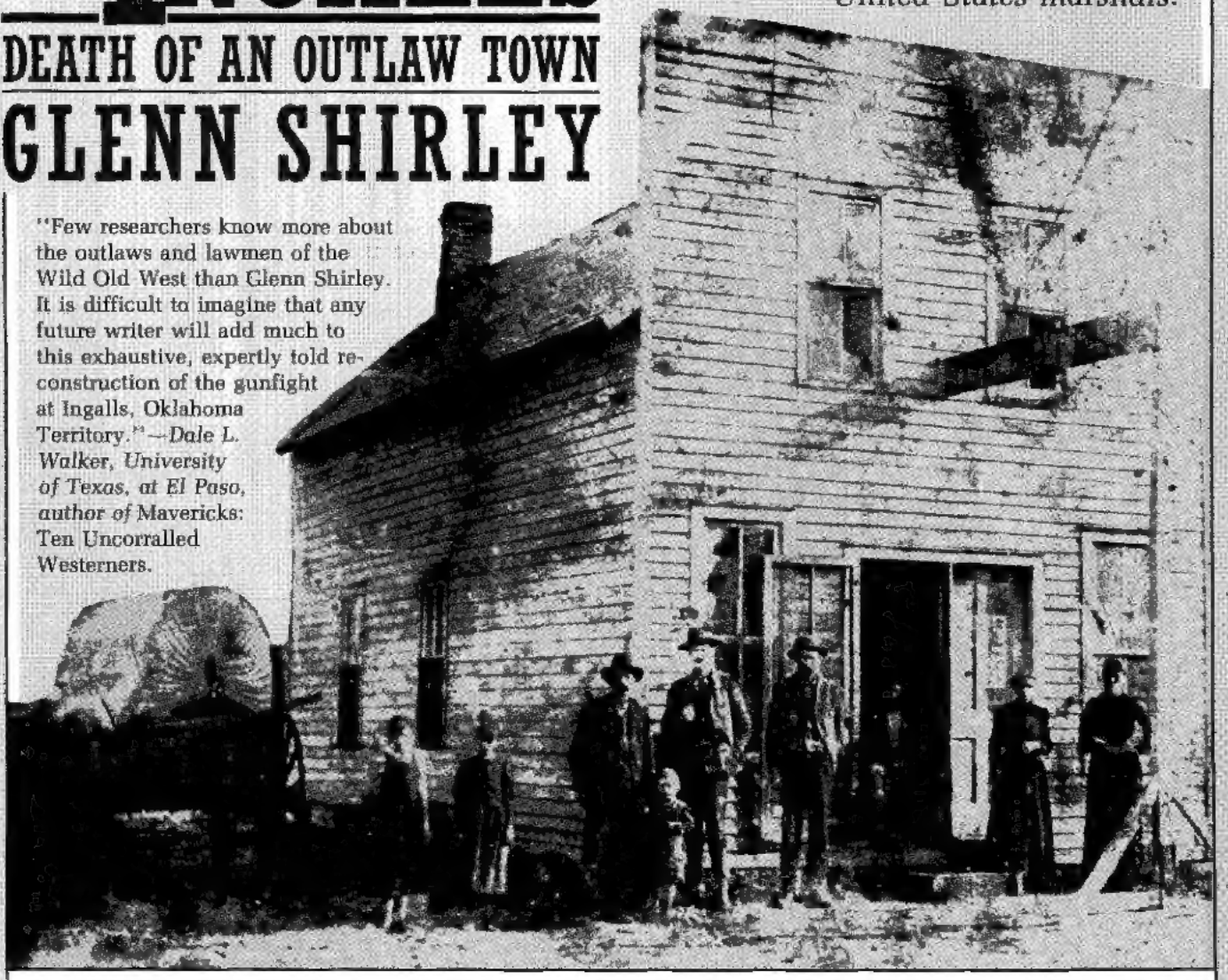

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